

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PTA PROGRAM TIMELINE

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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- January 2018: Feasibility study completed, submitted to ACCS, SACS, CAPTE with approvals
- October 2018: Rhonda Davis, Dean of Health Sciences and Jeff Leatherman, Founding PTA Program Director attend mandatory CAPTE Developing Program Workshop
- January 2019: Dr. Leatherman starts at Valley Campus
- August 2019: SU Wadley Campus introduces full time ATC, part-time PT (Dr. Leatherman)
- November 2019: First PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting
- February 2020: Leatherman attends CAPTE Self-Study Workshop
- March 2020: Hire of Anne Hughes, PTA as PTA Clinical Education Coordinator
- May 2020: Second PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting (online)
- June 1, 2020: Submission of Application for Candidacy to CAPTE
- July 20-22, 2020: Virtual on-site visit to Valley Campus by CAPTE reviewers
- September 11, 2020: Institutional Response to CAPTE report visit submitted
- October 30-November 4, 2020: CAPTE Fall Meeting to determine Candidacy status
- November 3, 2020: Candidate Status granted, begin accepting PTA applications for technical phase
- November 30, 2020: Closing date for PTA applications for Cohort I
- January 5, 2021: Mandatory PTA Student Orientation at Valley Campus
- January 6, 2021: PTA Technical Phase courses begin at Valley Campus (Cohort I begins—24 students)
- May 18, 2021: CAPTE Self-Study Report Due
- July 12-23, 2021: PTA 260 offered—initial clinical experience for Cohort I, 2 weeks (60 hours)
- July 18-21, 2021: CAPTE (virtual) on-site visit for Initial Accreditation
- August 23- September 24, 2021: PTA 263-- full time clinical experience, 5 weeks (180 hours)
- October 1, 2021: SU PTA collaboration exercise with Faulkner University DPT program
- October 4-December 3, 2021: PTA 268—final full-time clinical experience, 8 weeks (300 hours)
- October 15, 2021: PTA Applications due for Cohort II
- November 2, 2021: CAPTE grants SUSCC PTA full accreditation
- December 2021: Cohort I Graduation, Admission for Cohort II
- January 2022: Pending full Accreditation status awarded, Cohort I Graduates eligible to sit for PTA Board Exam, Cohort II begins PTA technical phase
- January 3, 2022: Mandatory PTA Orientation with first day of classes January 4, 2022.
- June 3-July 22, 2022: Cohort II begins PTA 260 Clinical Education I (Fridays totaling 60 hours)
- August 22-September 23, 2022: Cohort II begins PTA 263 (full time, 5 weeks, 180 hours)
- October 3-December 2, 2022: Cohort II begins PTA 268 (full time, 8 weeks, 300 hours)
- September 30, 2022: Online PTA Applications due
- December 2022: Cohort II graduates/pinning ceremony, Cohort III admitted for January 2023 start
- January 4, 2023: PTA Cohort III Orientation, classes start following day

