

**Southwestern Illinois College  
Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

<b>Program Mission and Goals</b>
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**Physical Therapist Assistant Program Mission**

The PTA Program is committed to providing an inclusive, supportive community that empowers self-directed learning and prepares students to contribute to improving societal health through contemporary practice as physical therapist assistant.

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs by SWIC definition):**

**The student in this program shall be able to:**

1. Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that align with competent practice as a physical therapist assistant.
2. Utilize effective, self-directed study habits taught in the program to pass the national licensure examination.
3. Commit to life-long learning and professional development to help advance the physical therapy profession by providing interventions that are supported by researched best practices while promoting the role of the physical therapist assistant.

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program Outcomes**

**Goals Related to Didactic and Clinical Program:**

**The PTA Program at Southwestern Illinois College will:**

1. Graduate entry-level clinicians who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that align with competent practice as a physical therapist assistant.
2. Provide a comprehensive education through didactic learning and clinical experiences to prepare students to pass the national licensure examination.
3. Influence life-long learning and professional development to help advance the physical therapy profession while promoting the role of the physical therapist assistant.
4. Create opportunities for self-reflection to overcome personal biases to provide equitable and inclusive healthcare while advocating for the underrepresented and underinsured.