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**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**  
**AAS DEGREE (0027)**

\*Note: Cost sheet reflects ALL program related expenses. Students entering the PTA Program may already have incurred the cost of the GE courses, have the necessary Immunizations or carry health insurance that covers the cost of necessary tests and immunizations; therefore, total \$ amount shown may be reduced. All PTA program students are required to submit to a Criminal Background & Registry Check, prior to program start and a random drug screen prior to clinicals. Standard fees are noted below; students living in multiple states may be assessed greater fees when completing the Criminal Background Check. Fees are paid to company conducting checks/screens. Fees associated with sitting for the national licensure exam and attaining a state license to practice are noted at bottom of page, for student reference. These fees are not part of the PTA program and are not paid to Southwestern Illinois College. Application for state licensure and associated fees to practice vary from state to state. Current IL fees are listed below to assist the student in planning for this financial obligation.

**2026-2027 ESTIMATED DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES\***

**TUITION:**

\$145.00 Per Semester Credit (71 Hrs total)	\$10,295.00	
\$6.00 Fee/Semester Credit -Technology	\$426.00	
\$3.00 Fee/Semester Credit - Activities	<u>\$213.00</u>	\$10,934.00

**FEES:**

PTA course fees	\$2,840.00	
Criminal Background & Registry Check ( <i>pd to ViewPoint, prior to program start</i> )	\$70.00	
Drug Screen Fee ( <i>pd to ViewPoint randomly selected date, prior to clinicals</i> )	\$40.00	
HIPPA & OSHA Certifications ( <i>pd to CastleBranch during PTA 100</i> )	\$30.00	
		<u>\$2,980.00</u>

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:**

PTA	\$640.00	
General Education	<u>\$326.00</u>	\$966.00

**REQUIRED TESTS, VACCINATIONS, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND SUPPLIES**

Physical, TB Skin Test & Flu Vaccination ( <i>TB and Flu repeated annually, prior to clinicals</i> )**	\$50.00	
Other immunizations required include: Tdap, Polio, Hep B, MMR, and Varicella. Without proof, titers can prove immunization status* St. Clair County 20\$ per shot and 15 admin fee.		
Lab Coat, Khaki or Solid Color Pants, Rubber Soled Shoes, SWIC Name Pin, & Watch	<u>\$200.00</u>	\$250.00

\*\*This cost is for students without health insurance

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:**

**\$15,130.00**

\*ALL TUITION, FEES, TEXTBOOKS, AND REQUIRED SUPPLIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND/OR CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY OR PROGRAM CURRICULUM. TUITION COSTS ARE CALCULATED USING CURRENT IN-DISTRICT RATES. ADDITIONAL COST MAY EXIST FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT OR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS NOT COVERED BY A COOPERATING AGREEMENT.

**EXAMINATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

National Physical Therapy Examination for PTA's - paid to FSBPT ( <i>Federation of State Boards</i> )	\$485.00	
National Physical Therapy Examination processing fee	\$8.00	
Illinois (Jurisdictional) Application Fee	\$107.00	
Prometrics Testing Center Fee	\$82.60	
Initial IL License Fee ( <i>after successfully passing examination</i> )	<u>\$100.00</u>	

**Total Estimated Cost for Initial Employment** **\$782.60**

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