

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**1. How much does a sleep technologist make?**

- a. According to Payscale.com, The average hourly pay for a Sleep Technologist is **\$24.79 or (\$49,920 Annually)**.

**2. What is a usual work schedule for a sleep technologist?**

- a. Sleep technologists usually work night shift by doing 3-12hr shifts or 4-10hr shifts a week. This is equivalent to working 3 or 4 days respectively with you having off the rest of the week.

**3. How long is the Polysomnography Technology Program?**

- a. The program is for 18 months or 4 Semesters, not counting the prerequisites courses.

**4. Is the program offered online or in-person?**

- a. The PSG Technology Program is considered a Hybrid/blended program offering here at SUSLA. With over 70% of our instructional material done via online and Asynchronous to allow students to fit in class time around their busy schedules.

**5. How much does the program cost?**

- a. The cost of tuition depends on whether the student is resident, non-resident, or international. For a resident student taking 12 credit hours at SUSLA, the tuition is **(\$2468.00)** per semester on average. For more details: [Tuition & Fees | Southern University Shreveport Louisiana \(susla.edu\)](#)
- b. Program Specific Estimated Fee's: **(\$1,890.00)**

**6. Will I be able to get a job once I graduate?**

- a. YES! We are one of only two Associate Degree programs offered in the state of Louisiana. With that in mind, there are over 30+ labs in the state of Louisiana that are looking for sleep technologist. In addition, our program reached past state lines with key partnerships in Texas and Mississippi.

**7. How often do you accept students in the program?**

- a. Currently we host only one cohort at a time with it beginning In January and continuing until May of the following year. Students apply in the fall semester (July-October) via our digital application packet.

**8. Can I work while in the program?**

- a. Yes but we recommend being cautious of working a full-time job during the clinical portion of our program which starts at the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program and continues until you graduate. The reason for this is that like the shift schedule of a sleep technologist, your clinicals will primarily be at night.

Therefore, it may be challenging to balance nighttime clinicals with a traditional job schedule, On top of your coursework duties.



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