

The Associate in Science (A.S.)  
Degree in Physical Therapist  
Assistant creates competent,  
ethical, and confident entry-level  
health care practitioners.

The program is a balance between theory and practice that enhances the educational experience and provides students with the skills and preparation necessary for employment in the field of physical therapy.

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<input type="checkbox"/> View career information at <a href="http://www.fscj.edu/careercoach">http://www.fscj.edu/careercoach</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor each term.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill the Civic Literacy requirement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the associate in science degree graduation requirements.

### The Career

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides is projected to grow 24 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

### Program Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Florida State College at Jacksonville is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: (703) 706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org/>. The program's current status is probationary accreditation.

If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (904) 766-5574 or email [Dianne.McAuliffe@fscj.edu](mailto:Dianne.McAuliffe@fscj.edu).

Students who graduate from the program while it is on probation are considered to be graduates of an accredited program. CAPTE will reevaluate the program's status on 10/25/2022.

### Application Procedure

This is a **Limited Access program**. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. The **application deadlines** are February 15 for the cohort starting in the Summer Term and September 15 for the cohort starting in the Spring Term.

### Advising

(904) 713-4545 or [hcic@fscj.edu](mailto:hcic@fscj.edu).

### Recommended Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about recommended courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog for additional information. A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all prerequisite and professional courses, as well as courses used to satisfy the general education and civic literacy requirements. Updates to this roadmap are for students beginning in the summer term 2023.

#### Prerequisites Taken Before Applying to the Program

Applicants must complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C and must have a minimum combined grade point average of 2.5 prior to the application deadline. See the current College Catalog for additional requirements. View the class schedules to determine course availability and available modalities.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2085C: Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2086C: Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENC 1101: English Composition I or ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102: Writing About Texts	3-4	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC 1105: College Algebra or higher-level MAC prefix course or MAP 2302: Differential Equations or MGF 1106: Topics in College Mathematics or MGF 1107: Explorations in Mathematics or STA 2023: Elementary Statistics	3-5	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	HSC 1531: Medical Terminology for the Health Professional	3	Varies

#### Term 1: Spring or Summer

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 1000: Introduction to Physical Therapy	3	Online
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 1200C: Basic Patient Care with Lab	5	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 1120C: Applied Kinesiology with Lab	3	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 1300: Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Online

#### Term 2: Summer or Fall

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2252C: Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy with Lab	5	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2220C: Physical Agents and Mechanical Modalities with Lab	4	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2224C: Therapeutic Exercise I with Lab	3	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2131C: Tests and Measures with Lab	3	On-Campus

#### Term 3: Fall or Spring

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2801L: Physical Therapy Clinical Practice I	3	Off-Campus Clinical
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2253C: Neuromuscular Physical Therapy with Lab	5	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2282C: Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary Physical Therapy with Lab	3	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2228C: Advanced Therapeutic Interventions with Lab	3	On-Campus

## Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics that you may be required to take. Students who place into developmental education courses are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study. In addition, it does not include MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra, which, for many students, is a prerequisite course for MAC 1105.

## Certification/Licensing

Graduates of the program who pass their state administered national licensure examination and state-specific laws and rules exam are prepared to function as entry-level Physical Therapist Assistant practitioners.

**Note:** If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

## Term 4: Spring or Summer

It is recommended that students complete the listed general education (non-PHT-prefix courses) in this term; however, these general education courses may be taken in any of the previous terms, schedules permitting.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARH 2000: Art in the Humanities or PHI 2010: Philosophy in the Humanities or MUL 2010: Music in the Humanities or LIT 2000: Literature in the Humanities or HUM 2020: Topics in the Humanities or THE 2000: Theatre in the Humanities	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2931: Trends in Physical Therapy	2	Online
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2810L: Physical Therapy Clinical Practice II	3	Off-Campus Clinical
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2820L: Physical Therapy Clinical Practice III	3	Off-Campus Clinical

## Total Program Credit Hours

The Physical Therapist Assistant A.S. degree program requires a **minimum of 74 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual degree plan. Please see an advisor for individual guidance.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the following program learning outcomes:

- **Ethics, Values, and Responsibilities:** Student will exhibit conduct that reflects practice standards that are legal, ethical, and safe.
- **Patient/ Client Management:** Student will communicate verbally and non-verbally with the patient, the physical therapist, health care delivery personnel, and others in an effective, appropriate, culturally competent, and capable manner.
- **Plan of Care:** Student will adjust, modify, progress, or discontinue interventions appropriately within the plan of care based on patient condition, response to treatment, and safety in conjunction with the supervising physical therapist.
- **Interventions:** Student will perform safe and competent treatment interventions and tests & measures, based on the plan of care established by the Physical Therapist to minimize risk to the patient/client, self, and others.
- **Scope of Practice:** Student will recognize when the direction to perform an intervention is beyond that which is appropriate for a physical therapist assistant and initiates clarification with the physical therapist
- **Practice Management:** Student will complete thorough, accurate, logical, concise, timely, and legible documentation and billing that follows guidelines and specific documentation formats required by state practice acts, the practice setting, and other regulatory agencies.
- **Participation in Health Care Environment:** Student will demonstrate health promoting and infection control behaviors and recognize opportunities to educate patients, peers, caregivers, and others.
- **Employability Skills:** Student will demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for entry-level physical therapist assistants