

Additional Admissions Information

Physical Therapist Assistant (A.S.)

1. For new students, complete an online application to the College by the review deadline. For existing students, complete a Program Plan Change **if** Physical Therapist Assistant is **not** your Active Program of study.
2. Submit all official non-FSCJ [transcripts](#) to the College when applying and prior to the review deadline date.
3. Complete the **Prerequisite Courses**.
4. If the HESI A2 test was taken at FSCJ, no action is required. Your scores will be automatically submitted. Otherwise, ensure official scores are on file with the [FSCJ Assessment Center](#) before the review deadline.
5. Submit the signed **Core Performance Standards** form, located at the end of this document.
6. Submit the completed **Clinical Experience Verification Form**, located at the end of this document.
7. Complete the following **after** acceptance into the professional phase of the program:
 - Ten-panel drug screening
 - Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check, including fingerprints
8. The following must be completed **after** the program orientation:
 - Medical physical
 - Immunization records and communicable disease screening

Health Education Systems Admission Test (HESI A2)

A completed HESI A2 admission test is required, consisting of nine sub-tests that must be completed in one sitting. A minimum score of 60% in Anatomy & Physiology is required for admission. Scores will be considered official if they meet the following:

- Applicant has taken all 9 categories in one sitting.
- The test was taken within the last 2 years.
- Submitted to the FSCJ Assessment Center before the application deadline.

The HESI assessment can only be taken after every 91 days up to three times a year.

If you have Questions about the HESI A2 and submitting your official scores, please email north_testing@fscj.edu or call 904-713-6014.

Application Addendums

Submit all supporting documents to the Health Sciences department at HCIC@fscj.edu by the review deadline, with the following information included in the email:

- Student's **program of study, term**, and **"Attachment"** in the subject line.
 - Include the student's **name** and student **ID** in the body of the message.
 - Documents **must** be emailed as attachments.
1. If you have at least three months of direct patient healthcare-related work experience, submit proof of employment as follows:
 - Completed by a company representative
 - Printed on company letterhead
 - Specify dates of employment
 - Detailed healthcare-related duties performed
 - Indicate the number of hours worked per week
 2. If you served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, submit a copy of your DD214.

Competitive Review Process

Applicants must earn a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course and have an overall minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.5. Completion of General Education coursework will allow applicants to achieve additional points.

Students are ready for review upon completion of all admission criteria. The ranking rubric is included below. Please note that the admission process is highly competitive.

Students will be notified through their FSCJ Student email of their admissions status 4-6 weeks following the review deadline. Information regarding a student's admissions status will not be provided over the telephone.

Physical Therapist Assistant Ranking Rubric		Max Points
Overall Cumulative GPA (minimum requirement 2.5)		20
Overall GPA	Points	
2.5-2.99	10	
3.0-3.49	15	
>3.49	20	
A grade of C or better in all PTA prerequisite courses		40
Course Grade	Points	
A	20	
B	15	
C	10	
Prerequisite Courses:		
Course Title	Course Code	

Anatomy & Physiology I	BSC 2085C	
Anatomy & Physiology II	BSC 2086C	
Communications	ENC 1101, ENC1101C, or ENC 1102	
Mathematics	MAC 1105 or higher, MAP 2302, MGF 1130, or STA 2023	
Medical Terminology	HSC 1531	
HESI A2		40
A complete HESI A2 administration is required and consists of nine (9) sub-tests that must be completed in one sitting. <i>Must take all 9 categories in one sitting.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A minimum score of 60% in Anatomy & Physiology is required for admission. Points are determined by the following formula: (Cumulative score + Anatomy and Physiology score)/2 = S1. S1 x 0.4 = Points		
Points are determined by adding the scores of the 3 Categories and dividing by 2.		
Bonus Points		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5	5
Healthcare Experience (Direct Patient Care) or Military Experience		
Duration	Points	
<3 months	1	
3-6 months	2	
6-9 months	3	
9-12 months	4	
Total Possible Points		110

PTA A.S. PROGRAM
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM
Form must be signed by PT/PTA

Criteria: Prospective students must complete a minimum of 20 hours of observation, volunteer service, and/or work experience in physical therapy in a minimum of two practice settings (one inpatient and one outpatient) with no less than 10 hours in each setting.

Directions: Use one form for each setting. You may make copies of this form as needed.

STUDENT INFORMATION (completed by student)

Name of Student (Printed): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FACILITY INFORMATION (completed by student)

Name of Facility: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VERIFICATION BY THERAPIST (completed by PT or PTA)

This student has either observed, volunteered, or worked in the PT department at our facility for _____ hours.

This facility is primarily (Circle one): Inpatient Outpatient

PT/PTA: Comments (optional): _____

PT/PTA Name (printed) _____

PT/ PTA Name (signed) _____ License # _____

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) rates the strength demands of a PTA at the medium level. This translates into lifting or exerting a force of 20 to 50 pounds occasionally, 10 to 25 pounds frequently, and 10 pounds or less constantly. In addition, the physical demand ratings of several local employers' state that the PTA is required to lift 100+ pounds on an occasional basis. According to the DOT, other physical demands required of the PTA on an occasional basis are climbing, crawling, and having the ability to see within a field of vision and identify and distinguish colors. Physical demands frequently require stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, handling, manipulation with fingers, feeling, talking, hearing, near visual acuity, and visual accommodation. The PTA is not typically exposed to any unusual or extreme environmental conditions.

NOTE: Students accepted to the program are provided with a list of essential job functions. Applicants may request the list of essential job functions from the program manager.

Signature _____

Date _____