



Physical Therapist Assistant (222A) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Science (A.S) degree is a limited access program which includes a combination of general education and professional courses with embedded lecture, laboratory and clinical education components. Clinical training at local physical therapy facilities is arranged as part of the program curriculum to prepare students to become physical therapist assistants.

Program graduates are eligible to apply to sit for the NPTE (National Physical Therapy Exam) and Florida PT/PTA Laws and Rules Exam in order to become a licensed physical therapist assistant.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Submit a completed application for the technical phase of the program by February 15
- Submit documented evidence verifying completion of a minimum of 20 hours of observation, volunteer service and/or work experience in physical therapy
- Provide a copy of official college transcript(s), including pre-technical coursework
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

AT-A-GLANCE

- **74 Credit Hours**
- **Financial Aid Eligible**
- **Limited Access** - Certain prerequisites and criteria must be met to be admitted.
- **Face-to-Face and Online Courses**
- **Certification** - Licensed Physical Therapist Assistants

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Apply online at [fscj.edu/admissions](https://www.fscj.edu/admissions).

FSCJ's The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 111 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 706-3245; accreditation@apta.org; capteonline.org/home.aspx, through the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

FSCJ Florida State College
at Jacksonville

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?

New student enrollment for this program begins every other year during the Summer Term. However, FSCJ enrolls students year-round.

Application Deadline: February 15

Where are the educational courses held?

General education and professional core courses are offered at any of FSCJ's campuses and centers, as well as online.

What is the cost of the program?

Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

This program is Federal financial aid eligible. *The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$7,761.**

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$60 per credit hour.

**Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

What other programs are related to the field?

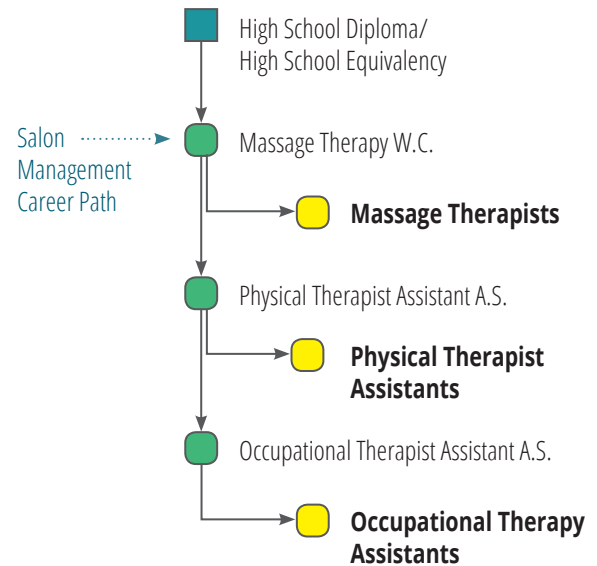
Students who have an interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant (A.S.) may also be interested in the following FSCJ programs:

- Nursing R.N. (A.S.)
- Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA) (A.S.)
- Radiation Therapy Specialist (T.C.)

Where can I get more information about potential careers?

Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY



JOB PROFILE

Duval and
Nassau
Counties

Physical Therapist Assistants

Local employment	300
Number of job openings	53/year
10-year Job growth	35%

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov

Potential employers:

- Outpatient rehabilitation centers for sports injuries
- Assisted living centers, schools and home health agencies
- Hospitals (Acute, Neuro Rehab, etc.)
- Orthopedics
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Home health care