

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Credit Hours: 74 total credit hours (including prerequisite coursework). Total hours may vary based on individual academic plan. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Applicants who complete all requirements by the published review deadline will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but does not guarantee admission to the program. See the program webpage for additional admissions information.

Admission to the professional phase of the PTA program is limited and based upon selective academic performance and other criteria. A new class is admitted each spring and summer terms. To be considered, individuals must complete the following by the review deadline:

- ☐ Complete an application for Florida State College at Jacksonville with Physical Therapist Assistant as the Program Plan.
- ☐ Complete the required prerequisites with a minimum grade of C and minimum combined grade point average of 2.5.
- ☐ Complete the HESI® Admission Assessment (A2).
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 10 hours of outpatient and 10 hours of inpatient observation, volunteer service, and/or work experience in physical therapy. Submit documented evidence of observation time on the Physical Therapy Clinical Observation Form to the Health Careers Advising Center by email at hcic@fscj.edu.
- ☐ Submit official transcripts from both high school/GED® and any postsecondary education. Transcripts must be officially sealed and sent directly from the awarding institution via electronic delivery to studentrecords@fscj.edu or via mail to FSCJ Admissions Office, PO Box 40515, Jacksonville, FL 32203.

These additional admission requirements are to be completed after acceptance into the program before classes begin:

- ☐ Complete a medical physical.
- ☐ Submit signed Core Performance Standards form.
- ☐ Submit immunization records and communicable disease screenings.
- ☐ Complete ten-panel drug screening.
- ☐ Complete Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check.

Admission Documents Submission

The following documents should be sent to the Health Career Advising Center at hcic@fscj.edu. The subject line of the email should include Program of study, term, and type of attachment. In the body of the email, include the student name and ID number. A copy of the forms can be found on the FSCJ PTA website under "Admissions Information".

- ☐ Physical Therapy Clinical Observation Verification Forms
- ☐ HESI® Admission Assessment (A2) scores
- ☐ Military Experience verification
- ☐ Core Performance Standards Form
- ☐ Verification of Employment in Healthcare
 - Completed by employer. The letter should be typed on company letterhead and include the dates of employment, health related duties, and number of hours worked per week

Review Deadline(s)

The application deadline is September 15 each year for the cohort starting in the Spring term

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in:

- ☐ All Professional Elective coursework
- ☐ All Professional coursework
- ☐ All General Education coursework

Stay on Track

Meet the associate in science degree graduation requirements:

- ☐ Complete all academic requirements for this program outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses applicable to the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses.
- ☐ Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit semester hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses.
- ☐ Complete at least 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Complete the required semester hours for the degree, as including a minimum of 15 semester hours in General Education.
- ☐ Demonstrate competency in civic literacy by:
 - ☐ Completing a civic literacy course – AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041 – with a grade of C or higher.
 - ☐ Achieving of the required standard score on a state-approved assessment.
- ☐ Earn a grade of a C or higher in each course used to satisfy the general education requirements and any other area designated as requiring a grade of C or higher.
- ☐ Satisfy all financial and other obligations to the College prior to graduation.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=222A

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/222A

Prerequisite Courses

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
ENC 1101 – English Composition I or ENC 1101C – English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102 – Writing About Texts	3-4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
MAC 1105 – College Algebra or MAC 1105C – College Algebra Enhanced or MAC 1114 – College Trigonometry or MAC 1140 – Precalculus Algebra or MAC 1147 – Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry or MAC 2233 – Calculus for Business and Social Sciences or MAC 2311 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry I or MAC 2312 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry II or MAC 2313 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry III or MAP 2302 – Differential Equations or MGF 1130 – Mathematical Thinking or STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3-5	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
BSC 2085C – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
BSC 2086C – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
HSC 1531 – Medical Terminology (for Health Professions)	3	Professional	Fall, Spring, Summer

Sample Roadmap for Admitted Students

Students may not enroll in the professional coursework unless they have been accepted into the Professional Core (PHT prefix) course phase of the program. A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in each of the following courses in order to continue in the Professional coursework (PHT prefix) phase. A minimum overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained throughout enrollment in the Professional coursework (PHT prefix) phase of the program.

Term 1: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
PHT 1000 – Introduction to Physical Therapy	3	Professional	Spring
PHT 1200C – Basic Patient Care with Lab	5	Professional	Spring
PHT 1120C – Applied Kinesiology with Lab	3	Professional	Spring
PHT 1300 – Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3	Professional	Spring

Term 2: Summer

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
PHT 2252C – Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy with Lab	5	Professional	Summer
PHT 2220C – Physical Agents and Mechanical Modalities with Lab	4	Professional	Summer
PHT 2224C – Therapeutic Exercise I with Lab	3	Professional	Summer
PHT 2131C – Tests and Measures with Lab	3	Professional	Summer

Term 3: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
PHT 2801L – Physical Therapy Clinical Practice I	3	Professional	Fall
PHT 2253C – Neuromuscular Physical Therapy with Lab	5	Professional	Fall
PHT 2282C – Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary Physical Therapy with Lab	3	Professional	Fall
PHT 2228C – Advanced Therapeutic Interventions with Lab	3	Professional	Fall

Term 4: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
ARH 2000 – Art in the Humanities or HUM 2020 – Topics in the Humanities or LIT 2000 – Literature in the Humanities or MUL 2010 – Music in the Humanities or PHI 2010 – Philosophy in the Humanities or THE 2000 – Theatre in the Humanities	3	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
AMH 2010 – United States History to 1877 or AMH 2020 – United States History from 1877 to the Present or POS 2041 – American Federal Government	3	General Education & Civic Literacy	Fall, Spring, Summer
PHT 2931 – Trends in Physical Therapy	2	Professional	Spring
PHT 2810L – Physical Therapy Clinical Practice II	3	Professional	Spring
PHT 2820L – Physical Therapy Clinical Practice III	3	Professional	Spring