

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"/> Explore career resources at <a href="https://fscj.edu/student-services/career-development">fscj.edu/student-services/career-development</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>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (904) 766-5574 or email [dianne.mcauliffe@fscj.edu](mailto:dianne.mcauliffe@fscj.edu).

## 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) 646-2300 or [hcic@fscj.edu](mailto:hcic@fscj.edu).

## 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.

## Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedules 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.

## Prerequisites Taken Before Applying to the Program

In addition to the prerequisites listed below, **students must complete** at least 10 hours of outpatient and 10 hours of inpatient Physical Therapy observation, and they must complete the HESI-A2 entrance exam and score at least a 75%, averaged across all categories, prior to applying to the PTA program.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENC 1101: English Composition I <b>or</b> ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced <b>or</b> ENC 1102: Writing About Texts	3-4	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC 1105: College Algebra <b>or</b> higher-level MAC prefix course <b>or</b> MAP 2302: Differential Equations <b>or</b> MGF 1106: Topics in College Mathematics <b>or</b> MGF 1107: Explorations in Mathematics <b>or</b> STA 2023: Elementary Statistics	3-5	Varies
<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"/>	HSC 1531: Medical Terminology (for Health Professions)	3	Varies

## Term 1: Spring or Summer

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

## Term 2: Summer or Fall

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2252C: Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy with Lab	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2220C: Physical Agents and Mechanical Modalities with Lab	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2224C: Therapeutic Exercise 1 with Lab	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2131C: Tests and Measures with Lab	3

## Certification/Licensing

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for state-specific laws exams and the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for the physical therapist assistant administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

**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.

## 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 and 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.
- **Employability Skills:** Student will demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for entry-level physical therapist assistants.

### Term 3: Fall or Spring

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

### Term 4: Spring or Summer

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<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	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2931: Trends in Physical Therapy	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2810L: Physical Therapy Clinical Practice II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHT 2820L: Physical Therapy Clinical Practice III	3

## 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. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.