

A.S. Applicant Program Map: Physical Therapist Assistant



HEALTH SCIENCES PATHWAY

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE (A.S.): PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Catalog Year: 2025-26

Following completion of pre-requisite courses and program acceptance, the PTA Program offers one start annually in January of every year and is offered in Punta Gorda on the Charlotte Campus only. Courses are three to five days a week from 8:30am - 5pm. Enrollment in the PTA core program is limited to 25 students by the Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of 74 credits that includes 15 credits of General Education Requirements, 15 credits of Program Specific Requirements, and 44 credits of Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program Requirements. This is a full-time program and students will progress through the program as a group/cohort and courses must be taken in sequence.

Met	Minimum Requirements to Apply to the A.S. in Physical Therapy Assisting
	Accepted to Florida SouthWestern State College
	At least eighteen (18) years old by first day of program
	Completion of the following courses listed below (with the exception that 1 may be in progress at the time of application): BSC 1010/L- GENERAL BIOLOGY W/LAB or MCB 2010C MICROBIOLOGY W/LAB BSC 1085C - ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I W/LAB BSC 1086C - ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II W/LAB HSC 1531 - MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (All general education courses must be completed prior to starting the PTA program)
	Overall GPA- 2.75+, GPA in Science prerequisites and HSC 1531-2.75+ (includes all coursework completed at time of application)
	Completion of at least 24+ hours of observation time under a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant
	If applicable, transcripts must be received and evaluated by the FSW Registrar's Office. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure this is completed by the application deadline. It is recommended that you meet with your current advisor to confirm this is completed.
	Complete and Submit AS Physical Therapist Assistant Application through the program page by deadline of August 15. This includes payment of application fee.

Suggested Applicant Program Map

All courses below must be completed prior to starting the PTA program which begins every Spring. SLS 1515 is only required for students who begin at FSW with fewer than 30 college credits

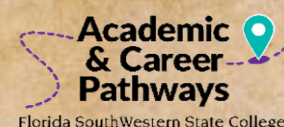
Pre/Co-Requisite Courses (30 Credits)

Semester 1			
Course		Credits	Notes
SLS 1515	CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE	3	*NOT REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS (SEE ABOVE)
ENC 1101	COMPOSITION I	3	
BSC 1010/L	GENERAL BIOLOGY I & GENERAL BIO. I LAB	4	ALTERNATE: MCB 2010C
MATHEMATICS	ANY GEN. ED. CORE MATH	3	MAC 1105 RECOMMENDED
Total Semester Credits:		13	
Semester 2			
Course		Credits	Notes
BSC 1085C	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I	4	
HSC 1531	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	3	
PROG. REQUIREMENT	CHOOSE PSY 2012 OR DEP 2004	3	
CIVIC LITERACY COURSE	CHOOSE AMH 2010, AMH 2020, OR POS 2041	3	FLORIDA CIVIC LITERACY EXAM (FCLE) COMPLETED BEFORE START OF PROGRAM
Total Semester Credits:		13	
Semester 3			
BSC 1086C	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II	4	
HUMANITIES	ANY GEN. ED. CORE HUMANITIES	3	WRITING INTENSIVE RECOMMENDED
ENC 1102	COMPOSITION II (Not required for program)	3*	NOT REQUIRED. Recommend if need for full time status.
Total Semester Credits:		7	
Pre/Co-Requisite Credits		33	

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Accepted Student Program Map

Program courses below begin the Spring term after application deadline and acceptance to program and must be taken in the order described. Each course must be passed with a grade of "C" or better and a semester cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or better before the student may advance in the program. All courses are offered once a year at the Charlotte Campus in Punta Gorda only, during the semester they are shown in the curriculum.

Core Program Courses (44 Credits)

Spring

Course		Credits	Notes
PHT 1000C	PTA PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES W/LAB	4	PRE-REQ: Acceptance into the PTA program
PHT 1121C	KINESIOLOGY/A&P FOR THE PTA W/LAB	4	PRE-REQ: Acceptance into the PTA program
PHT 1132C	MUSCULOSKEL. DISORD./PATHOLOGY W/LAB	4	PRE-REQ: Acceptance into the PTA program
Total Semester Credits:		12	

Summer

Course		Credits	Notes
PHT 2162C	NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS W/LAB	4	PRE-REQS: PHT1000C, PHT1121C, PHT1132C
PHT 2210C	MODALITIES W/LAB	4	PRE-REQS: PHT1000C, PHT1121C, PHT1132C
PHT 2220C	THERAPUTIC EXERCISE I W/LAB	4	PRE-REQS: PHT1000C, PHT1121C, PHT1132C
Total Semester Credits:		12	

Fall Compact-A

Course		Credits	Notes
PHT 2800L	CLINICAL INTERNSHIP I	5	PRE-REQS: PHT2162C, PHT2210C, PHT2220C
Total Mini-Semester Credits:		5	

Fall Compact-B

Course		Credits	Notes
PHT 2228C	THERAPUTIC EXERCISE II W/LAB	4	PRE-REQ: PHT2800L
PHT 2951C	PTA CAPSTONE W/LAB	3	PRE-REQ: PHT2800L
PHT 2931	PTA SEMINAR	2	PRE-REQ: PHT2800L
Total Mini-Semester Credits:		9	

Spring Compact-A

Course		Credits	Notes
PHT 2810L	CLINICAL INTERNSHIP II	6	PRE-REQ: PHT2228C, PHT2951C, PHT2931
Total Semester Credits:		6	
Total Program Credits:		77	

Program curriculum and admissions criteria are subject to change. Always Check Website for Program Updates:
<https://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asphysicaltherapy>

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Florida SouthWestern State College 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; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Dr Cynthia Vaccarino 239-489-9349 or email Cynthia.vaccarino@fsw.edu