

About the Program

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant creates competent, ethical, and confident entry-level health care practitioners.

This program requires a **minimum of 74 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic degree plan. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Program Requirements

This is a Limited Access Program. Students must follow the program application procedure and fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog. **Prerequisite courses** include:

- ENC 1101 - English Composition I
or ENC 1101C - English Composition I Enhanced
or ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts
- One General Education Mathematics course
- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- HSC 1531 - Medical Terminology (for Health Professions)

*See the **program requirements** for general education course options.

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.

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; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (904) 766-5574 or email dianne.mcauliffe@fscj.edu.

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics or other prerequisite courses that you may be required to take. In addition, it does not include program graduation requirements.

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 educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program Information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/222A>.
- ⇒ **Associate in Science Degree Information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificate-programs/associate-in-science-degrees>.
- ⇒ ***Program Requirements:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/222A>.
- ⇒ **Math Pathways Information:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/math-pathways>.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan. Some courses are offered only once per year; advising is critical for course progression.

This program includes an **Algebra Through Calculus math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students whose academic program requires a foundation of algebra, followed by a sequence of courses that may lead to calculus..

Term 1

Course	Credits
PHT 1000 - Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PHT 1200C - Basic Patient Care with Lab	5
PHT 1120C - Applied Kinesiology with Lab	3
PHT 1300 - Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3

Term 2

Course	Credits
PHT 2252C - Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy with Lab	5
PHT 2220C - Physical Agents and Mechanical Modalities with Lab	4
PHT 2224C - Therapeutic Exercise I with Lab	3
PHT 2131C - Tests and Measures with Lab	3

Term 3

Course	Credits
PHT 2801L - Physical Therapy Clinical Practice I	3
PHT 2253C - Neuromuscular Physical Therapy with Lab	5
PHT 2282C - Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary Physical Therapy with Lab	3
PHT 2228C - Advanced Therapeutic Interventions with Lab	3

Term 4

Course	Credits
General Education Humanities Core course	3
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
PHT 2931 - Trends in Physical Therapy	2
PHT 2810L - Physical Therapy Clinical Practice II	3
PHT 2820L - Physical Therapy Clinical Practice III	3