

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

TECHNICAL

Degree/Certificate: Associate of Applied Science (5 terms)



Are you patient, compassionate and persevering? Those are the qualities it takes to become a physical therapist assistant (PTA). As a PTA, you will work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists, providing services for patients which help decrease their pain, improve their mobility, restore function and minimize disabilities.

The San Jacinto College physical therapist assistant program:

- Is a total of 66 credit hours, including three clinical affiliations, and the student is awarded an associate of applied science degree upon completion of the program. Successful completion of the program in two years prepares graduates to take the national licensing exam for physical therapist assistants.
- Trains students to help patients to regain strength, range of motion, function and movement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

San Jacinto College boasts a 100 percent pass rate on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy national licensing exam in the graduating cohorts from 2009-2016. San Jacinto College graduates have a high employment rate within six months of passing the licensing exam.

The PTA program at San Jacinto College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488; telephone: (703) 706-3245); email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.



CAREER OUTLOOK



Employment of physical therapist assistants is expected to increase 30 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations.

PTAs work under the supervision of physical therapists in a variety of settings including but not limited to:

- Acute care
- Hospitals
- Rehab hospitals
- Out-patient clinics
- Aquatics
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Home health

Median salary for Gulf Coast region



\$68,323
per year

Physical Therapist Assistants

*Source: texaswages.com, Gulf Coast region, 2017

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (3PH-THRPY)

Associate of Applied Science Degree

2-Year Schedule

Prerequisite Credit

ENGL 1301 Composition I**	3
MATH 1314 College Algebra or Higher**	3
BIOL 2301 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Lec)** and BIOL 2101 Human Anatomy** and Physiology I (Lab)	4
BIOL 2302 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Lec)** and BIOL 2102 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Lab)**	4
Subtotal	14

First Term Credit

PTHA 1201 The Profession of Physical Therapy	2
PTHA 1305 Basic Patient Care Skills	3
PTHA 1313 Functional Anatomy	3
PTHA 1321 Pathophysiology for the PTA	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology**	3
Subtotal	14

Second Term Credit

PTHA 2201 Essentials of Data Collection	2
PTHA 2409 Therapeutic Exercise	4
PTHA 1431 Physical Agents	4
Humanities or Fine Arts*	3
Subtotal	13

Third Term Credit

PTHA 1360 Clinical I - PTA	3
PTHA 2205 Neurology	2
PTHA 2217 Issues in Health Care	2
Subtotal	7

Fourth Term Credit

PTHA 2239 Professional Issues	2
PTHA 2431 Management of Neurological Disorders	4
PTHA 2435 Rehabilitation Techniques	4
Subtotal	10

Fifth Term Credit

PTHA 2460 Clinical II - PTA	4
PTHA 2461 Clinical III - PTA	4
Subtotal	8

Associate of Applied Science Degree Total 66

Capstone Experience: PTHA 2461

* Courses, which satisfy the Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Humanities) or Creative Arts (Fine Arts) requirement are listed under "The Basics" Core Curriculum in the Educational Programs section, which is published in the San Jacinto Community College web catalog.

** Applicants are encouraged to take the required courses identified with (*;**) prior to entering the PTA program.



Note: For complete program descriptions, please refer to the San Jacinto Community College District Catalog online at www.sanjac.edu/catalog.

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