

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Program Information

Are you patient, compassionate, and persevering? These are the qualities that can help you become a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). As a PTA, you will work under the direction and supervision of Physical Therapists in a variety of settings, providing services for patients that 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 (AAS) degree upon completion of the program. Successful completion of the program in two years prepares graduates for the national licensing exam for Physical Therapist Assistants; and
- 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 national licensing exam in the graduating cohort of 2022. 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 (<http://www.capteonline.org>).

Career Opportunities

Employment of PTAs is expected to be good to care for and manage patients, especially the elderly population. Job prospects will also be more favorable in home health and skilled nursing facilities. (BLS.gov (<http://BLS.gov>), 2023).

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, and
- Home health.

Earning Potential

Physical Therapist Assistant median salary: \$71,899 per year. Experienced PTA earning \$83,435 per year.

¹Source: texaswages.com (<http://texaswages.com>), Gulf Coast region, 2023

For more information, students may contact 281-998-6150, x3350 or email PTAprogram@sjcd.edu.

Campus

South Campus

Admission

Applicants to the program must meet the requirements for general admission to the College and must also meet program-specific requirements. For detailed information concerning admission requirements and deadlines for submitting applications and related documents, students may contact the Physical Therapist Assistant department.

Contact Information:

Email: ptaprogram@sjcd.edu

Phone: (281) 998-6150 ext. 3350

Website: <https://www.sanjac.edu/program/physical-therapist-assistant>

For more information on the licensing process, students may visit the American Physical Therapy Association, which provides information on the profession of physical therapy. www.apta.org (<http://www.apta.org>). For complaints regarding the PTA program or a PTA student, students may contact the Program Director or fill out the Complaints Form at: <https://www.sanjac.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/Complaints%20Form%20revised%201.30.13.pdf>.

Plan of Study

South Campus

3PH-THRPY

Sample 2-Year Schedule

Course	Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
ENGL 1301	Composition I ¹	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra (or higher) ¹	3
BIOL 2301 & BIOL 2101	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture) and Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab) ¹	4
BIOL 2302 & BIOL 2102	Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture)	4
Credits		14
First Term		
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 ¹	3
Credits		14
Second Term		
PTHA 2201	Essentials of Data Collection	2
PTHA 2409	Therapeutic Exercise	4
PTHA 1431	Physical Agents	4
Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Humanities) or Creative Arts (Fine Arts)		3
Credits		13
Third Term		
PTHA 1360	Clinical I-PTA	3
PTHA 2205	Neurology	2
PTHA 2217	Issues in Health Care	2
Credits		7
Fourth Term		
PTHA 2239	Professional Issues	2
PTHA 2431	Management of Neurological Disorders	4
PTHA 2435	Rehabilitation Techniques	4
Credits		10
Fifth Term		
PTHA 2460	Clinical II - PTA	4
PTHA 2461	Clinical III - PTA	4
Credits		8
Total Credits		66

Capstone Experience: PTHA 2461 Clinical III - PTA

¹ Applicants are encouraged to take the required courses identified with (¹) prior to entering the PTA program.