

## Physical Therapist Assistant (74 Credits)

Guided Pathway: Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (Full-time only available). For more information, visit [www.fgc.edu](http://www.fgc.edu), your academic advisor at (386) 754-4341, or the PTA Program Coordinator, Christine McLaughlin at (386) 754-4460 or [Christine.mclaughlin@fgc.edu](mailto:Christine.mclaughlin@fgc.edu).

Meta-major: Physical Therapist Assistant/ Health Sciences  
University Transfer: NA

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) degree is an Associate of Science degree consisting of 74 credit hours. The primary function of the PTA program is to produce educated, well trained individuals who possess the attitudes and values consistent with the highest ethical practice standards in the field of physical therapy. Graduates of the PTA program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam for Physical Therapy Assistants (NPTE-PTA). Successful completion of this exam results in state licensure as a Physical Therapist Assistant.

Successful completion of Phase I and application to PTA program is required for consideration but does not guarantee access into Phase II. The program is competitive and limited in the number of students it may admit. Selection criteria is detailed in the application packet.

### Semester by Semester Map for Full-Time Students

#### Semester 1- 16 hours

ENC 1101 Freshman Comp 1  
MAC 1105 College Algebra or MGF Math for Liberal Arts  
HSC 2531 Medical Terminology  
PHY 1020 Essentials of Physics  
BSC 2085 Anatomy and Physiology I  
BSC 2085L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab

#### Action Items:

- Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals by end of the semester.
- Successfully complete the Computer Competency Course within Canvas.
- Review the posted PTA Application Booklet located on the PTA page of FGC's website. Begin scheduling the required observation hours with local physical therapy providers including hospitals, nursing facilities, and outpatient clinics.
- Complete your FASFA application and apply for financial aid

#### Semester 2- 16 Credit Hours

AMH2020 United States History since 1853 or POS1041  
American Government  
DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development

PHI2010 Introduction to Philosophy or LIT 2000 Introduction to Literature or HUM2020 Introduction to Humanities or MUL1010 Music Appreciation  
PHT 1007 Topics in Physical Therapy  
BSC 2086 Anatomy and Physiology II BSC 2086L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab

Action Items:

- Meet with your advisor to confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study.
- Review the instructions and due date of the PTA Application located on FGC's website and confirm all requirements will be completed timely.
- Complete the PTA application as instructed because failure to do so may affect your eligibility for admission.
- Mail, fax, or hand deliver the application with supporting documents all to the Nursing and Health Sciences Department, Building 103, attention to PTA Program Coordinator.
- Applicants will be scheduled for and complete an interview with PTA Admission Committee.
- Within four weeks of the application due date, admission decision letters for the FGC PTA Program will be mailed to the students.
- Successfully complete a Mandatory New Student Orientation prior to the published deadline to maintain a seat in the program.
- Signup for and pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam.

Semester 3 (Fall semester only)

PHT 1175C Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology  
PHT 1224C Therapeutic Techniques and Disabilities  
PHT 1200 Basic Patient Care  
PHT 1200L Basic Patient Care Lab  
PHT 2301 Pathological Conditions in Physical Therapy

Action Items:

- Meeting with assigned faculty advisor in the PTA program to confirm academic and career goals by end of the semester.
- Meet with the Clinical Coordinator of the PTA Program to discuss locations for PHT 1801L and PHT 2810L (Clinical Practices I and II).

Semester 4 (Spring semester only)

PHT 1217 Physical Therapy Principles and Procedures  
PHT 1217L Physical Therapy Principles and Procedures Lab  
PHT 2162C Neurological Disabilities and Treatment  
PHT 2252C Orthopedic Disabilities and Treatment  
PHT 1801L Physical Therapy Clinical Practice I  
PHT 1931 Seminar

Action Items:

- Meet with assigned faculty advisor in the PTA program to confirm academic and career goals by end of the semester.
- Complete Graduation Application with assistance of PTA Program Coordinator
- Participate in Florida Gateway College's Spring Graduation Ceremony.

Semester 5 (Summer semester only)

PHT 2220 Advanced Rehab Concepts in Physical Therapy

PHT 2810L Physical Therapy Clinical Practice II

PHT 2931 Trends in Physical Therapy

Action Items:

- Students will participate in a single-day NPTE board review class on campus.
- At conclusion of the PTA program, students are eligible to register for and take the NPTE-PTA for licensure.
- Participate in PTA's Pinning Ceremony

Completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant Associate of Science Degree allows the graduate to work under a temporary license while waiting to take the NPTE-PTA. The PTA may work in a variety of settings including hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers, long term care facilities, home health agencies, school systems and in academic programs.

