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Associate in Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant

Restoring Strengths, Enhancing Mobility, Rebuilding Lives



FSW's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program is designed to provide students with entry-level skills and knowledge to work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist in the rehabilitation of patients with musculoskeletal and/or neuromuscular deficits, injury, disease, or disorders.

With FSW's CAPTE accreditation, graduates will be eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam for licensing. A passing score on this exam is required to practice in the field of physical therapy.

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, and the program consists of 3 and a half semesters (14 months) after completion of prerequisite courses.

As a Physical Therapist Assistant You Will:

- Help implement treatment plans developed by the Physical Therapist.
- Offer hands-on assistance for proper form and technique during therapy.
- Lead movement training and assist with returning to sporting activities.
- Track patient progress and communicate with the supervising PT.
- Educate patients and families on at-home exercise programs.
- Work with healthcare professionals for coordinated care and better outcomes.



The median annual wage for Physical Therapist Assistants was
\$65,510 in 2024*

*United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Career Outlook

- Physical Therapist Assistants are in high demand, with over **150 jobs locally as of January 2024**.
- Between 2022 and 2032, there is a **projected job growth rate of 42%**.



Where Physical Therapist Assistants Work

- Outpatient Clinics
- General Medical and Surgical Hospital Units
- Intensive Care Units
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Schools
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Specialty Clinics
- Sports Medicine



Advanced Career Pathways

- Orthopedic Physical Therapist Assistant
- Pediatric Physical Therapist Assistant
- Neurological Physical Therapist Assistant
- Clinical Instructor
- Rehabilitation Office Manager
- Medical Equipment Sales
- Rehabilitation Equipment Consultant



FSW's Physical Therapist Assistant Program is a **limited-access program**. Admission criteria are available at www.FSW.edu/SOAH or by contacting AlliedHealth@fsw.edu

For more information, email: AlliedHealth@fsw.edu | fsw.edu/academics/programs/asphysicaltherapy

*CAPTE Accreditation Information

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.captionline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Dr. Cynthia Vaccarino 239-489-9349 or email Cynthia.vaccarino@fsw.edu

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