

# Physical Therapist Assistant

## General Information

### Program Objective

The objective of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to prepare students for immediate employment as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Upon completion of the program, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant and be eligible to take the National Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure Exam.

### Program Location

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is the result of a collaborative partnership between Seminole State College and Gordon Cooper Technology Center (GCTC). Students complete general education requirements and technical-occupational support requirements primarily on the SSC campus. PTA lecture/lab courses are completed at the Shawnee campus of GCTC. Clinical coursework takes place at assigned affiliate clinical sites.

### Program Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone 703-706 3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) is necessary to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 405-273-7493 ext. 2214 or email [s.stafford@sscok.edu](mailto:s.stafford@sscok.edu).

### Majoring in Physical Therapist Assistant

Selecting physical therapist assistant as a major is open to all SSC students and can be accomplished through an advisor just like any other SSC major field of study. However, formal admission to the program is a more rigorous and competitive process. Please see the SSC-GCTC PTA Program website for complete instructions regarding the application process.

### PTA Program Application Requirements

1. Completed application
2. Official Transcripts for all collegiate level academic work including degrees conferred
3. Proof of residence (if qualified to receive GCTC points for residence)

4. Evidence of any completed GCTC Allied Health Programs
5. ACT Composite Score of 19 (Taken within the last 5 years)
6. Completed essays
7. Evidence of prior work in a health-related field (must include timeline)
8. Documentation of 40 observation hours completed in a minimum of 2 settings on SSC-GCTC PTA Program Observation Form
9. Proof of current CPR

### Suggested Plan of Study

*Below is a suggested schedule of course study. Each individual's progress will vary depending on their academic background and prerequisite courses required. Students will not be allowed to enroll in PTA technical classes unless accepted into the PTA program.*

#### First Semester

ENG	1113	Composition I	3
GOV	1113	American National Government	3
BIOL	1214	Principles of Biology	4
PSY	1113	General Psychology	3
NURS	2423	Medical Terminology	3
STSC	1002	Learning Strategies	2
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#### Second Semester

ENG	1213	Composition II	3
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 <b>or</b>	
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877	3
BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL	2214	Human Physiology	4
			<b>14</b>

#### Third Semester

PTA	1011	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
PTA	1023	Basic Patient Care	3
PTA	1032	Pathophysiology for the PTA	2
PTA	1042	Kinesiology for the PTA	2
PTA	1053	Clinical Procedures I	3
PTA	1064	Therapeutic Exercise I	4
PTA	1072	Clinical Practice I	2
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#### Fourth Semester

PTA	2013	Clinical Procedures II	3
PTA	2023	Clinical Practice II	3
PTA	2033	Neuroanatomy for the PTA	3
PTA	2044	Therapeutic Exercise II	4
PTA	2051	Professional Topics	1
			<b>14</b>

#### Fifth Semester

PTA	2065	Clinical Practice III	5
PTA	2071	PTA Capstone	1
			<b>6</b>

**Total Program Hours** **69**

# Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Applied Science

**Degree Program Mentor**

For additional information regarding this degree, contact the Degree Program Mentor.



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**Program Objective**

The objective of the Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Applied Science is to prepare students to enter the workforce as a physical therapist assistant.

**Admission Requirements**

1. High School graduation or G.E.D.
2. Acceptance to Seminole State College.
3. Acceptance into the SSC-GCTC PTA Program.
4. GPA of 2.0 and "C" or better in all required courses.
5. ACT Composite score of 19 (Taken within past 5 years).
6. Attendance of PTA Program Orientation.
7. Submit required and complete immunization records.
8. Completion of background check in accordance with state and federal requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. At least sixty-nine designated semester credit hours.
2. Grade of "C" or better required in all courses.
3. Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better.
4. Thirty-six credit hours in attendance at SSC.
5. Completion of Graduate Exit Survey.

**General Education Requirements ..... 21**

ENG 1113	Composition I .....	3
ENG 1213	Composition II .....	3
GOV 1113	American National Government .....	3
HIST 1483	American History Survey to 1877 <b>or</b>	
HIST 1493	American History Survey since 1877.....	3
BIOL 1214	Principles of Biology .....	4
PSY 1113	General Psychology .....	3
STSC 1002	Learning Strategies .....	2

**Technical-Occupational Requirements ..... 37**

*Enrollment in the PTA courses below requires formal admission to the SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program:*

PTA 1011	Introduction to Physical Therapy
PTA 1023	Basic Patient Care
PTA 1032	Pathophysiology for the PTA
PTA 1042	Kinesiology for the PTA
PTA 1053	Clinical Procedures I
PTA 1064	Therapeutic Exercise I
PTA 1072	Clinical Practice I
PTA 2013	Clinical Procedures II
PTA 2023	Clinical Practice II
PTA 2033	Neuroanatomy for the PTA
PTA 2044	Therapeutic Exercise II
PTA 2051	Professional Topics
PTA 2065	Clinical Practice III
PTA 2071	PTA Capstone

**Technical-Occupational Support Requirements ..... 11**

NURS 2423	Medical Terminology
BIOL 2114	Human Anatomy
BIOL 2214	Human Physiology

**MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE ..... 69**

**Recommended First-Year Courses for SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program Applicants**

**First Semester**

ENG 1113	Composition I .....	3
GOV 1113	American National Government .....	3
BIOL 1214	Principles of Biology .....	4
PSY 1113	General Psychology .....	3
NURS 2423	Medical Terminology.....	3
STSC 1002	Learning Strategies .....	2
		<b>18</b>

**Second Semester**

ENG 1213	Composition II .....	3
HIST 1483	American History Survey to 1877 <b>or</b>	
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# Physical Therapist Assistant - Associate in Applied Science

## Degree Requirements Checklist

2023-24

6 hrs.	<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b> Social Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> GOV 1113 American National Government <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 1483 American History Survey to 1877 <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 1493 American History Survey since 1877	11 hrs.	<b>TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2214 Human Physiology <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2423 Medical Terminology
6 hrs.	Language Arts <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 1113 Composition I <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 1213 Composition II	37 hrs.	<b>TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS</b> <i>With the exception of PTA 1011, enrollment in the PTA courses below requires formal admission to the SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program:</i>
4 hrs.	Life Science <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology		<input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1101 Introduction to Physical Therapy
3 hrs.	Behavioral or Social Sciences Elective <input type="checkbox"/> PSY 1113 General Psychology		<input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1023 Basic Patient Care <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1032 Pathophysiology for the PTA
2 hrs.	Student Success Required during first semester <input type="checkbox"/> STSC 1002 Learning Strategies		<input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1042 Kinesiology for the PTA <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1053 Clinical Procedures I <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1064 Therapeutic Exercise I
21 hrs.	<b>TOTAL REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> PTA 1072 Clinical Practice I <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2013 Clinical Procedures II <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2023 Clinical Practice II <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2033 Neuroanatomy for the PTA <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2044 Therapeutic Exercise II <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2051 Professional Topics <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2065 Clinical Practice III <input type="checkbox"/> PTA 2071 PTA Capstone
	<b>ACCREDITATION STATEMENT</b>	48 hrs.	<b>TOTAL REQUIRED MAJOR FIELD HOURS</b>
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