

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Science Major Code 2153

Program Description

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is delivered to students at BC and Edison State College (ESC) via distance learning technology. Lectures are broadcast in real time so that all sites participate in lecture classes together. The individual sites manage lab sessions. The clinical education component of the program is managed by the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education at the Broward site. The program provides the student with the opportunity to develop technical skills relative to physical therapy through planned clinical, classroom and laboratory experiences. The graduate will be prepared to provide a variety of services under the direction and guidance of a supervising physical therapist. The program is a full-time day program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). A licensing examination is required upon completion of the two-year program and the Physical Therapist Assistant shall be eligible for an appropriate membership category in the American Physical Therapy Association. **The program is offered in Building 41 on North Campus, Coconut Creek, Florida and at ESC on the Lee County campus in Fort Myers, Florida.** Applicants should access admission information online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences or call 954-201-2892. Applicants should review the program's web site at www.broward.edu/pta for additional information. In order to successfully progress through the Physical Therapist Assistant program, students must successfully achieve all affective, cognitive and psychomotor objectives, achieve a grade of "C" or above in all program courses, a grade of "S" in all clinical practicums, and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher. Contact the Program Manager for additional progression criteria.

Related Programs

Physical Therapist Assistant (Manual Techniques) Advanced Technical Certificate Major Code 4280

General Entrance Requirements

- HS Diploma or GED
- PERT
 The PERT test places students into preparatory level reading, writing and math courses designed to prepare them for college-level coursework. Recent ACT or SAT score may also be used for placement. For more information, see <http://www.broward.edu/testing/>. Students who test into college prep courses must successfully complete all of the required coursework to qualify for graduation.

Criteria for Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant-Associate in Science:

- Applicants must have a minimum degree grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
- Applicants to the program will be ranked according to the Admission Point System detailed below:
- Once accepted into the program, students must successfully complete a continuing education course: Online Test Drive prior to the start of PHT courses in Term I, August.
- Applicants must complete a Medical History and Physical Examination prior to the start of PHT courses in Term I, August. Completion of the physical is not required for application to the program.

Admission Point System for PT Assistant Program

Degree GPA

Points	GPA range
4	3.5 to 4.0
2	3.0 to 3.4
1	2.5 to 2.9

Completion of General Education Courses with a grade of "C" or above

Points	Course	Title
4	BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I
4	BSC 1085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
4	BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II
4	BSC 1086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab
4	HSC 1531	Medical Terminology
2	ENC 1101	Composition 1
2	PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology
2	Elective	Humanities

Residency

Points	
4	Resident of Broward County or Resident of Counties Served by Edison State College
2	Resident elsewhere within Florida
1	Out of State resident

Program Graduation Requirements

- Meet BC's graduation requirements as listed in the Academic Programs and Graduation Requirements section of the College Catalog.
- Complete a minimum of 74 semester hours of credit and a degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher:

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First Year Term III – Summer – First Semester

HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3
*BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
*BSC 1085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
MAT 0028	Elementary Algebra and Lab	0
ENC1101	College Composition	3
Total Term Semester Hours		10

First Year Term I – Second Semester

*BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
*BSC1086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PHT 1200	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PHT 1200L	Introduction to Physical Therapy Lab	1
*PHT 1103	Anatomy for the PTA	3
*PHT 1103L	Anatomy for the PTA Lab	1
*PHT 1300	Survey of Pathological Deficits	4
*PHT 1310	Survey of Musculoskeletal Deficits	2
Total Term Semester Hours		18

First Year Term II – Third Semester

*PHT1010	Physical Principles for PTA	1
*PHT 1211	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures I	2
*PHT 1211L	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures I Lab	2
*PHT 2224	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures II	4
*PHT 2224L	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures II Lab	2
*PHT1020	Therapeutic Communication for PTA	2
*PHT 1801L	Clinical Practicum I	2
Total Term Semester Hours		15

Second Year Term I – Fourth Semester

PHT1350*	Basic Pharmacology	1
*PHT 2810L	Clinical Practicum II	5
*PHT 2162	Survey of Neurological Deficits	4
*PHT 2120	Applied Kinesiology	3
*PHT 2120L	Applied Kinesiology Lab	1
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
Total Term Semester Hours		17

Second Year Term II – Fifth Semester

*PHT 2704	Rehabilitative Procedures	3
*PHT 2704L	Rehabilitative Procedures Lab	1
*PHT 2820L	Clinical Practicum III	5
*PHT 2931	Transition Seminar	2
Elective	Humanities	3
Total Term Semester Hours		14
Total Program Semester Hours		74

* Requires a pre- or co- requisite. See course description in BC or Edison State College catalog, or online at www.broward.edu

Successful completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program will satisfy the BC's Oral Communication Standard and basic computer skill requirement.

Upon successful completion of PHT 1200 and PHT 1200L, students will have met the Health Careers Core objectives.