

**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](http://www.broward.edu/healthsciences) or call 954-201-2892. Applicants should review the program's web site at [www.broward.edu/pta](http://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.

**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.
- This program has a limited number of seats available per year and students are selected based upon the criteria announced on the <http://www.broward.edu/healthsciences/index.html>.

**Requirements for the Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Science:**

- Complete a minimum of 74 semester hours of credit and a degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete the Physical Therapy courses with a grade of "C" or higher.

**First Year Term III – Summer – First Semester**

HSC1531	Medical Terminology	3
BSC2085	Anatomy and Physiology I *	3
BSC2085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab *	1
GE Course	General Education Mathematics*	3
ENC1101	College Composition	3
<b>Total Term Semester Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

**First Year Term I – Second Semester**

BSC2086	Anatomy and Physiology II *	3
BSC2086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab *	1
PHT1200	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PHT1200L	Introduction to Physical Therapy Lab 1	1
PHT1103	Anatomy for the PTA *	2
PHT1103L	Anatomy for the PTA Lab *	1
PHT1300	Survey of Pathological Deficits *	3
PHT1310	Survey of Musculoskeletal Deficits *	2
<b>Total Term Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**First Year Term II – Third Semester**

PHT1010	Physical Principles for PTA *	1
PHT1211	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures I *	2
PHT1211L	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures I Lab *	2
PHT2224	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures II *	4
PHT2224L	Disabilities and Therapeutic Procedures II Lab*	2
PHT1020	Therapeutic Communication for PTA	2
PHT1801L	Clinical Practicum I	2
<b>Total Term Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Second Year Term I – Fourth Semester**

PHT1350	Basic Pharmacology *	1
PHT2810L	Clinical Practicum II *	5

PHT2162	Survey of Neurological Deficits *	3
PHT2120	Applied Kinesiology *	3
PHT2120L	Applied Kinesiology Lab *	1
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
<b>Total Term Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Second Year Term II – Fifth Semester**

PHT2704	Rehabilitative Procedures *	3
PHT2704L	Rehabilitative Procedures Lab *	1
PHT2820L	Clinical Practicum III *	5
PHT2931	Transition Seminar *	2
GE Course	General Education Humanities *	3
<b>Total Term Semester Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Program Semester Hours</b>		<b>74</b>

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- \* Requires a pre- or co- requisite. See course description in BC or Edison State College catalog, or online at [www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu)
- ❖ General Education courses must be selected from the list of AS Degree courses found in the College Catalog/posted online at <http://www.broward.edu/advisingcounseling/advising/edplanning/page18233.html>

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

Upon successful completion of PHT1200 and PHT1200L, students will have met the Health Careers Core objectives.