

Physical Therapist Assistant Associate of Applied Science

Prior to admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Associate of Applied Science (AAS), students complete prerequisite courses in the Pre-Health Professions Major

For Best Consideration: June 1st, 2023

1. **Apply to the College:** Apply to FCC and declare Pre-Health Profession PTA as your major.
2. **Complete Placement Tests:** Complete FCC placement tests as needed - consult with Admissions or Advising.
3. **Submit Official Transcripts:** Send official college/university and high school transcripts, SAT & ACT scores as well as any CLEP, IB or AP scores to the Registration and Records Office.
 - a. Minimum unweighted 2.5 GPA from high school transcripts **OR** cumulative of college work (at least 12 credits)
4. **Apply for Financial Aid:** Apply for Financial Assistance – Submit the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.
5. **Complete Pre-Admission Courses:** Complete the following requirements with a grade of C or higher*

MATH – MATH 120 Statistics or Higher

BSCI 150- Principles of Biology

* Final pre-admission courses, including sciences, can be in progress the semester application is submitted or planned for summer semester. Student must pass BSCI 150 and MATH 120 or higher with a C or higher prior to admission in the Fall.

6. **Complete the TEAS:** Prior to applying to the PTA Program, complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
 - No Minimum qualifying TEAS Score is needed
 - Overall final score of the TEAS test will be used to rank students in the applicant pool. See score sheet below
 - Students can take the test multiple times, but only one score can be submitted
 - Scores cannot be older than 2 years from opening of the application cycle.
 - For instructions on registering for the TEAS test see the document on the PTA web site under admission titled “TEAS test information”
7. **Complete Observation Hours:** (Due to COVID-19 for June 2023 application cycle, all observation hours are waived for application. The PTA program highly recommends all students participate in some observation hours to increase their knowledge of the career.)

Complete 30 hours of observation time with a PT or PTA in at least two different types of facilities. For example, 10 hours at a hospital and 20 hours at an outpatient site. Submit signed PTA Observation Hours Verification forms with the application.
8. **Complete Service Hours:** (Due to COVID-19 for June 2023 application cycle, all service/volunteer hours are waived for application.)

Complete in 20 hours of volunteer service hours in the last year January 2022 through May 2023. Service hours can be obtained through religious or community organizations. If you are having difficulty locating volunteer opportunities please contact the PTA director through email. Hours may not include your observation hours with a PT/PTA. Submit signed Service/Volunteer Hour Form with your application.

9. **Work Experience:** *No work experience is required* for application, but related work experience as Physical Therapy tech or aide, Athletic Trainer, Exercise Physiologist, Massage therapist, or CNA qualifies the applicant for additional points on their application. The hours must be completed in the past year (January 2022 – May 2023) and the work experience must be documented on the Employment Verification Form.
10. **Read Essential Functions for a PTA Career (on FCC PTA webpage):** Students will need to attest to being able to perform the physical tasks, observational skills, behavioral responsibilities, and cognitive abilities necessary to be a PTA. The information to review is located on the FCC PTA webpage under Prospective Students.

For those students who have submitted all documentation and met the above criteria, a point system is used to select candidates for admission to the technical portion of FCC’s PTA program. Points are assigned for grades in the general education courses completed by time of the application, work experience, service/volunteer hours, and previous degrees. The students with the highest point total are offered an admission to the program. If an accepted student declines his/her seat in the program or fails to meet summer course requirements, the next eligible student with the highest score is offered an admission to the program.

Completion of additional program courses (see below) by the June 1st, 2023 application deadline is highly recommended as this adds points to a student’s application and makes the student more competitive for admission.

Ranking for Admission to the PTA Program

Students who have met the minimum requirements for application will then be ranked using the rubric below.

All applications need to include proof of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Official transcripts with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater <input type="checkbox"/> TEAS test score – overall score and scores for each section <input type="checkbox"/> BSCI 150 in progress or completed with a C or higher <input type="checkbox"/> MATH 120 or higher in progress or completed with a C or higher <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of student being able to perform the Essential Functions to be a PTA <input type="checkbox"/> 30 Observation hours at two different kinds of facilities (waived for 2023 application) <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Service Learning or Volunteer hours (waived for 2023 application)		
COURSES COMPLETED	Max Points Possible	Points Earned
Points for courses are awarded based on grade earned. A = 6 points B= 4 points C= 2 points		
Medical Terminology (MEDA 109) – not required for graduation (MEDA 109 credit received from FCPS CTC program will receive 6 points)	6	
Principles of Biology (BSCI 150)		

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Statistics or higher (MATH 120 or higher)		6							
English Composition (ENGL 101)		6							
General Psychology (PSYC 101)		6							
Anatomy & Physiology I (BSCI 201)		6							
Anatomy & Physiology II (BSCI 202)		6							
Small Group Communication (COMM 105) <i>or a general education COMM elective and a cultural competence elective</i>		6							
Earned Associate's Degree		3							
Earned Bachelor's Degree or higher		6							
Volunteer Experience — over 30 hours (no additional points for June 2023 application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 hours = required ▪ 30 hours = 1 points ▪ 40 hours = 2 points ▪ 50 hours = 3 points ▪ 60 hours = 4 points ▪ 70 hours = 5 points ▪ 80 hours = 6 points 		6							
Work Experience — not required for application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 200 hours = 2 points ▪ 250 hours = 3 points ▪ 300 hours = 4 points ▪ 350 hours = 5 points ▪ 400 hours or greater = 6 points 		6							
TEAS Test <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Category</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Score</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Conversion to points x 0.1</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total score</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Score	Conversion to points x 0.1	Total score				varies	
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