

**EDISON STATE COLLEGE**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM**  
**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE THROUGH BROWARD COLLEGE**

***General Information***

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The Program received its initial accreditation in May of 1977. Broward College itself is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree in PT Assisting.

Students typically complete the degree required general education courses at Edison State College then apply to Broward College for acceptance into the limited access PTA Program. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program offered by Broward College (BC) is delivered to the students via distance learning technology. That is, there is two-way audio and video interaction with an expansion site located in Fort Myers at a classroom located on the Lee campus of Edison State College (ESC). Students take classes together in real time as an instructor broadcasts the lecture material in a classroom equipped with microphones, cameras, and televisions for simultaneous communication.

Classes at both sites participate in all lecture classes together. All lab sessions are completed at the individual sites with physical instructors at those locations. Clinical practicums are managed by the individual sites with a site coordinator located at ESC who serves as program liaison between the sites. This innovative method of instruction is an exciting means by which two separate classes of students can be joined as they embark on an education in the field of physical therapy.

The curriculum provides the student the opportunity to develop competency in technical skills through planned experiences in the classroom, laboratory, and off-site clinical facilities. The Program is dedicated to developing assistants who are quality-minded and who will ultimately make unique contributions to the field of physical therapy.

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.

***Broward College's Criteria for Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant-Associate in Science Program:***

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
- Applicants to the program will be ranked by the number of general education courses completed and the earned Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Applicants must successfully complete a continuing education course: Online Test Drive prior to the start of PHT courses in Term I, August. Completion of this course is not required for application to the program. Registration information will be provided to students following acceptance to the program.
- 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. Physical Examination information will be provided to students following acceptance to the program.
- Students are required to travel to Broward College for a one day pre-admission meeting and to complete a Background Check and Drug Screen as part of the acceptance process. Attendance at a one-day program orientation at the Broward site is also required following acceptance.

***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 degree required courses with a grade of "C" or higher

***Application Deadline: For application information and additional details visit***  
***<http://www.broward.edu/pta/> or email [jgootkin@broward.edu](mailto:jgootkin@broward.edu)***

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- ✓ Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and “C” or higher in degree required courses.
- ✓ Applicants to the program will be ranked by the number of general education courses (in bold below) completed and the earned GPA.
- ✓ Application to Broward College and the PTA Program required. Visit <http://www.broward.edu/pta/> the for details.

DEGREE CORE REQUIREMENTS: Credit Hours

*First Year Term III – Summer - First Semester*

<b>HSC 1531</b>	<b>Medical Terminology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>BSC 1093C</b>	<b>Anatomy and Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
Note: <b>BSC 1010</b> prerequisite at Edison State College		
<b>ENC 1101</b>	<b>College Composition</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MAT 9024</b>	<b>Introduction to Algebra</b>	<b>0</b>

Total Semester Hours 10

**Fall**

**Spring**

*First Year Term I – Second Semester*

<b>*BSC 1094C</b>	<b>Anatomy and Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>*PHT 1200</b>	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
<b>*PHT 1200L</b>	Introduction to PT Lab	1
<b>*PHT 1103</b>	Anatomy for PTA	3
<b>*PHT 1103L</b>	Anatomy for PTA Lab	1
<b>*PHT 1300</b>	Survey of Pathological Deficits	4
<b>*PHT 1310</b>	Survey of Musculoskeletal Deficits	2
Total Semester Hours		<b>18</b>

**Sum A**

**Sum B**

**Fall**

*First Year Term II – Third Semester*

<b>*PHT 1010</b>	Physical Principles for PTA	1
<b>*PHT 1211</b>	Disabilities and Thera Proc. I	2
<b>*PHT 1211L</b>	Disabilities and Thera Proc. I lab	2
<b>*PHT 2224</b>	Disabilities and Thera. Proc II	4
<b>*PHT 2224L</b>	Disabilities and Thera. Proc. II	2
<b>*PHT 1020</b>	Therapeutic Communication for PTA	2
<b>*PHT 1801L</b>	Clinical Practicum I	2
Total Term Semester Hours		<b>15</b>

**NAME**

**Banner#**

**Academic Advisor**

**Date**

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*Second Year Term I – Fourth Semester*

<b>*PHT 1350</b>	Basic Pharmacology	1
<b>*PHT 2810L</b>	Clinical Practicum II	5
<b>*PHT 2162</b>	Survey of Neurological Deficits	4
<b>*PHT 2120</b>	Applied Kinesiology	3
<b>*PHT 2120L</b>	Applied Kinesiology Lab	1
<b>PSY 2012</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
Total Semester Hours		<b>17</b>

**Any courses taken through the Department of Learning Assistance are non-transferable. These courses include:**

REA 9001	ENC 9010	MAT 9002
REA 9002	ENC 9020	MAT 9013
REA 9003		MAT 9024

*Second Year Term II – Fifth Semester*

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

\* Requires a pre- or co- requisite. See course description in catalog.

\*\*\*Humanities Electives may be chosen from any course listed in the General Education Program Guide under Humanities.