

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



## Information

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists in a variety of settings. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, outpatient clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pediatric centers, schools, and home health agencies. PTAs provide services for patients that help decrease pain, improve mobility, restore function, and minimize disabilities.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at San Jacinto College is accredited by the:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)  
3030 Potomac Ave, Suite 100  
Alexandria VA 22305-3085

Telephone: 703-706-3242; 1-800-999-2782  
Email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)  
Website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Students needing to contact to program directly may call (281) 998-6350, x3350 or email [ptaprogram@sjcd.edu](mailto:ptaprogram@sjcd.edu).

The program has determined that its curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands secondary to its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), based on the following: CAPTE accreditation of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program satisfies state educational requirements in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Thus, students graduating from CAPTE-accredited physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. For more information regarding state qualifications and licensure requirements, students may refer to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy website at [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org) (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsbpt.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csusan.hinson%40sjcd.edu%7Ca00d1a834e45437c715108d96e47197d%7C514efd408efe4f15819f34e56acf1562%7C0%7C0%7C637662073918720479%7CUnknown%7CTWFpBGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yelsCAB5ZsnTUIShwGJNSihWeF%2F02fq2%2FCsG00LZmk%3D&reserved=0>).

The program is a total of 66 semester credit hours including three clinical rotations. The student is awarded an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree upon completion of the program. After graduation, the student applies to take the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination. Individuals must pass the licensure exam to practice as a PTA in most states, including Texas.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.