

**Physical Therapist Assistant – AAS (PTA-AAS)**  
**Between**  
**The District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College, Florida**  
**(“Pensacola State College”)**  
**and**  
**The School Board of Escambia County**  
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The Allied Health Department at Pensacola State College has recommended that students who complete the **high school courses listed below** while enrolled in the West Florida High School Sports Medicine Academy and who meet the established requirements for entrance to the college’s PTA-AAS program will be granted Candidate status into the Physical Therapist Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree program at Pensacola State College.

To best prepare themselves for the PTA-AAS program at Pensacola State, high school students are advised to:

- 1) **Achieve a 3.00 GPA for high school graduation**
- 2) **Earn a 3.00 (no grade lower than a “B”) for all Health/Science courses in the courses in their Career Academy. Those courses are:**

**Medical Skills and Services**  
**Health Science I**  
**Health Science II**  
**And**  
**Allied Health Assisting 3**

- 3) **High school students are encouraged to take the following courses:**
  - **Anatomy & Physiology**
  - **Algebra II or Precalculus (4<sup>th</sup> year of Math)**

**Additionally, high school students may wish to further their achieving the PTA-AAS Candidate status by taking college courses through Dual Enrollment. Students are encouraged to seek the advice of their counselor.**

**Suggested Pensacola State College courses are:**

**BSC 1093 – Anatomy and Physiology I**  
**BSC 1093L – Anatomy and Physiology I Lab**  
**HLP 1081 – Concepts of Life Fitness**  
**ENC 1101 – English Composition I**  
**MAC 1105 College Algebra**

**The above courses are available as evening courses, as well as distance (web-based) learning.**

**It is important that students considering Dual Enrollment should consult with the Pensacola State College Coordinator of Dual Enrollment when selecting courses.**

### **Student Eligibility**

- To be eligible for admission to the college's PTA-AAS program students must meet all of the college requirements necessary for admission to the college as well as those admissions requirements unique to the PTA-AAS program. All applications are available on-line at:

**<http://www.pensacolastate.edu/students/programs/HealthRelatedPrograms.asp>**

- It is essential that applicants to the college's PTA-AAS program have a thorough understanding of all the requirements for program admission. Complete and up-to-date requirements can be found at:

**<http://pensacolastate.edu/docs/programs/pta-aas/PTA.pdf>**