


FROM: Dr. Jeff Stewart, Provost 

TO: Don Ransford, Curriculum Committee Chair

CC: Dr. Marie Collins, Dean, School of Health Professions; Garnett Salmon, Registrar

DATE: February 9, 2017

RE: AS, Physical Therapy Assistant and AS, Opticianry

FSW has inter-institutional agreements with Hillsborough Community College and Broward College to host partner programs on-site as follows:

- AS, Physical Therapist Assistant (partnership program with Broward College)
- AS, Opticianry (partnership program with Hillsborough Community College)

Historically, students enrolled at FSW were able to list either of these as their primary program. Upon review of the agreements, it has been determined that the best course is to clarify the institutional enrollment. The following actions will be implemented:

1. AS, Physical Therapist Assistant and AS, Opticianry will be removed from the admissions application and our Student Information System (SIS).
2. Any FSW student with either of the above programs listed as their primary or secondary degree will be notified to visit an advisor and complete a change of data form indicating the appropriate degree code.
3. The attached program plans will be utilized to create AA Focus areas in Opticianry and Physical Therapy Assistant.
4. We will continue to honor the inter-institutional agreements and students interested in pursuing these degrees will be advised as to the admissions process.

I approve this correction for immediate implementation. In addition, this memo will be submitted to the Curriculum Committee as a VPAA information item at the March 2017 meeting.

Associate in Arts, Focus in Physical Therapist Assistant

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is offered in partnership with Broward College and FSW. This partnership provides an opportunity for students to complete the Broward College sponsored Physical Therapist Assistant Program locally on the FSW Fort Myers campus.

The Associate in Arts (AA) Focus in Physical Therapist Assistant guides students to complete the correct courses to apply to the limited access degree program. All students considering a limited access program should review the application for the requirements and application deadlines. It is not a requirement to complete the entire AA degree before or after application to the PTA Program.

Admission points will be awarded for **Required Courses** completed with a grade of C or higher before the application deadline. These courses are utilized to rank students for program acceptance. It is not mandatory to have all **Required Courses** completed before the application deadline; some of the **Required Courses** can be taken after acceptance to the PTA program.

Required Courses for Physical Therapist Assistant, AS 23 credits

ENC 1101 Composition I 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

STA 2023 Statistical Methods I or MGF 1106 Liberal Arts Math
or MAC 1105 College Algebra 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

HSC 1531 Medical Terminology 3 credits

BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology I or
BSC 1085C Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits

BSC 1094C Anatomy and Physiology II or
BSC 1086C Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits

PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychology 3 credits

Core Humanities General Education Course 3 credits

Remaining General Education Courses for AA **18 credits**

ENC 1102 Composition II 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

Any Communication General Education Course 3 credits

Writing Intensive Social Sciences Course 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

Any Social Sciences General Education Course 3 credits

Writing Intensive Humanities Course 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

Any Mathematics General Education Course 3 credits
**Must complete with a grade of C or higher*

Remaining Elective Courses for AA **19 credits**

Any 1000 or 2000 level course 19 credits

Total Credits **60 credits**

Foreign Language Competency Requirement

In accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25, students initially entering a Florida College System Institution in 2014-2015 and thereafter must demonstrate competency in foreign language pursuant to guidelines set in Florida Statute 1007.262.

The Foreign Language Competency Requirement may be met by:

- 2 years of the same High School Foreign Language, or
- Documented foreign language proficiency through testing, or
- 2 semesters of the same College Level Foreign Language (level II proficiency), or
- Level II proficiency - this criterion occurs when a student has completed the second course of a sequence of college foreign language without completing the first course. For example, if a student has successfully completed a college-level Spanish II but not Spanish I, then the student has met the Foreign Language Competency requirement.

Students should check with their Academic Advisor for additional information, or if they are unsure whether they have already met this requirement.

Associate in Arts, Focus in Opticianry

The Opticianry Program is offered in partnership with Hillsborough Community College and FSW. This partnership provides an opportunity for students to complete the Hillsborough Community College sponsored Opticianry Program locally on the FSW Fort Myers campus.

The Associate in Arts (AA) Focus in Opticianry guides students to complete the correct courses to apply to the limited access degree program. All students considering a limited access program should review the application for the requirements and application deadlines. It is not a requirement to complete the entire AA degree before or after application to the Opticianry Program.

Admission points will be awarded for **Required General Education Courses** completed with a grade of C or higher before the application deadline. These courses are utilized to rank students for program acceptance. It is not mandatory to have all **Required General Education Courses** completed before the application deadline; some of the **Required General Education Courses** can be taken after acceptance to the Opticianry Program.

Required General Education Courses for Opticianry, AS	15 credits
ENC 1101 Composition I <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Core Humanities Course	3 credits
Core Mathematics Course <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Core Social Sciences Course	3 credits
Writing Intensive Social Sciences Course <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Remaining General Education Courses for AA	21 credits
ENC 1102 Composition II <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Any Communication Course	3 credits
Any Social Sciences Course	3 credits

Writing Intensive Humanities Course <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Any Mathematics Course <i>*Must complete with a grade of C or higher</i>	3 credits
Core Natural Sciences with Lab	3 credits
Any Natural Sciences Course	3 credits
Remaining Elective Courses for AA	24 credits
Any 1000 or 2000 level courses	24 credits
Total Credits	60 credits

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