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St. Petersburg College is accredited by the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges \(SACSCOC\)](#) to award Bachelor of Science degrees, Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, Associate in Arts degrees, and Associate in Science degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of St. Petersburg College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

SPC's [Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Academic Services \(IR\)](#) provides information and analytical support to college-wide internal decision-making, external accountability, strategic planning, and ongoing continuous institutional improvement. Through collaborative leadership, the office supports a broad range of planning, research and assessment activities, including those that support student learning outcomes assessment, department/program review, as well as institutional and programmatic accreditation.

WHY ACCREDITATION MATTERS

SACS-COC accreditation means an institution is dedicated to providing quality higher education and ongoing improvement through planning, assessment, and quality enhancement.

- Credits from accredited institutions are transferable to and from other accredited institutions, **ensuring students receive a credible, top-quality education.**
- Only accredited institutions are permitted to award federal financial aid to students.
- By law, an A.A. degree from SPC grants you admission as a junior to one of the state's public universities.

In addition, the following programs are accredited or approved by state or national organizations. The last accreditation year indicates the most recent accreditation or approval decision following the completion of a self-study.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Programs	Last Accreditation	Next Accreditation	Accrediting Agency/Final Approval
Education+	2010	2023	Florida Department of Education - Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, and Retention ¹ Final Approval
Nursing	2021	2031	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ^{1,3} Final Approval
Paralegal *	2018	2025	American Bar Association ¹ Final Approval
Veterinary Technology	2021	2024	American Veterinary Medical Association - Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities ^{1,2,3} Final Approval

+The Florida Dept. of Education grants approval to individual programs within the College of Education, which currently consists of three active B.S. programs.

*The American Bar Association evaluates the A.S. degree, B.A.S. degree, and the post-baccalaureate certificate during a single visit. This agency "approves" programs but does not "accredit."

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Programs	Last Accreditation	Next Accreditation	Accrediting Agency/Final Approval
Dental Hygiene	2019	2026	American Dental Association - Commission on Dental Accreditation ^{1,2,3} Final Approval
			CAAHEP - Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the

			Final Approval
Emergency Medical Services	2015	2022	CAAHEP - Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions ² Final Approval
Funeral Services +	2015	2022	American Board of Funeral Service Education ^{1,2,3} Final Approval
Health Information Technology	2021	2028	Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education ^{2,3} Final Approval
Nursing	2020	2028	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing ^{1,2,3} Final Approval
Paralegal	2018	2025	American Bar Association ¹ Final Approval
Physical Therapist Assistant	2018	2029	American Physical Therapy Association - Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education ^{1,2,3} Final Approval
Radiography	2018	2026	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology ^{1,2} Final Approval
Respiratory Care	2018	2028	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ^{2,3} Final Approval

Veterinary Technology	2021	2024	American Veterinary Medical Association - Committee on Veterinary Education and Activities ^{1, 2, 3} Final Approval
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+ The Funeral Services program at St. Petersburg college is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org

*Ongoing accreditation with yearly completion of Annual Program Assessment Report

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at St. Petersburg College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.



LOWER-DIVISION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificates	Last Accreditation	Next Accreditation	Accrediting Agency/Final Approval
Emergency Medical Technician	2021	2023	Florida Department of Health - Bureau of Emergency Medical Services ¹ Final Approval
Paramedic	2015	2022	CAAHEP - Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions ² Final Approval
	2021	2023	Florida Department of Health - Bureau of Emergency Medical Services ¹ Final Approval

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificates	Last Accreditation	Next Accreditation	Accrediting Agency/Final Approval
Paralegal	2018	2025	American Bar Association ¹ Final Approval
Veterinary Technology	2021	2024	American Veterinary Medical Association - Committee on Veterinary Education and Activities ^{1, 2, 3} Final Approval
Education	2010	2023	Florida Department of Education - Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, and Retention ¹ Final Approval

¹Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE)

²Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

³Recognized by the Association for Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

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