

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, A.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Fayette, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Shenango

End Campus: Fayette, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Shenango

Degree Requirements

For the Associate in Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant, a minimum of 70 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	21
Requirements for the Major	61-62

12 of the 21 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-3 credits of GH courses; 3 credits of GN courses; 3-6 credits of GS courses; 3-6 credits of GWS courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
BIOL 161	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture	3
BIOL 162	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Laboratory	1
BIOL 163	Human Anatomy and Physiology II - Lecture	3
BIOL 164	Human Anatomy and Physiology II - Laboratory	1
ENGL 15	Rhetoric and Composition	3
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
PT 120	Human Musculature and Functional Anatomy	2
PT 150	Physical Therapist Assistant Procedures I	2
PT 160	Therapeutic Exercise I	3
PT 250	Physical Therapist Assistant-Procedures II	3
PT 260	Therapeutic Exercise-II	3
PT 285	Clinical Reasoning for the PTA	2
PT 384	Applied Kinesiology	3
PT 395E	Physical Therapist Assistant-Practicum I ¹	3
PT 395G	Physical Therapist Assistant-Practicum III ¹	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PT 100 or PT 100S	Physical Therapist Assistant-Introduction Physical Therapist Assistant-Introduction	3
PT 290 or PT 290W	Professional Issues in Clinical Practice Professional Issues in Clinical Practice	2-3

Select 5 credits from the following: 5

PT 270	Pathophysiology
PT 270W	Pathophysiology
PT 271 & PT 272	Pathophysiology I and Pathophysiology II
PT 271W & PT 272	Pathophysiology I and Pathophysiology II

Select 5 credits from the following: 5

PT 280	Rehabilitation
PT 280W	Rehabilitation
PT 281 & PT 282	Rehabilitation-1 and Rehabilitation-2
PT 281 & PT 282W	Rehabilitation-1 and Rehabilitation-2W

Select 4 credits from the following: 4

PT 395F	Physical Therapist Assistant-Practicum II
PT 395H & PT 395I	Physical Therapist Assistant-Practicum II Part 1 and Physical Therapist Assistant-Practicum II Part 2

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 3 credits of any GH, GS, or GWS course 3

¹ Courses that include clinical education experiences may require the student to travel long distances or obtain housing near the assigned clinic. Housing and transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the student.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all associate degree students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/associate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 3 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 3 credits

Knowledge Domains

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Note: Up to six credits of Inter-Domain courses may be used for any Knowledge Domain requirement, but when a course may be used to

satisfy more than one requirement, the credits from the course can be counted only once.

Exploration

- Any General Education course (including GHW and Inter-Domain): 3 credits

University Degree Requirements

Cultures Requirement

3 credits of United States (US) or International (IL) cultures coursework are required and may satisfy other requirements

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 60 degree credits must be earned for a associates degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 60 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.