

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

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at Fayette Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL 161 (GN)*	3 BIOL 163 (GN)*	3
BIOL 162 (GN)*	1 BIOL 164 (GN)*	1
PSYCH 100 (GS) [†]	3 PT 384*	3
PT 100*	3 Quantification (GQ) (MATH 35 or MATH 37 suggested) [‡]	3
PT 120*	2 General Education Course (GH or GA)	3
ENGL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GH or GA); US/IL Recommended	3
PSU 8	1	
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150*	2 PT 201 (suggested elective course but not required)	1 PT 395F*	4
PT 160*	3 PT 260*	3 PT 395G*	4
PT 250*	3 PT 272*	2	

PT 271*	3 PT 282*	3
PT 281*	2 PT 285*	2
PT 290W*	3 PT 395E*	3
	General Education Course (GH, GS, GWS)	3
	16	17
		8
Total Credits 73		

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Academic Advising Notes:

A student's career/graduate school plans should be considered in developing an individual academic plan. Be sure to consult an adviser in this department when scheduling courses.

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at Hazleton Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL 161 ^{††}	3 BIOL 163 [*]	3
BIOL 162 ^{††}	1 BIOL 164 [*]	1
ENGL 15 or 30H [‡]	3 KINES 13	1.5
PSYCH 100 [†]	3 PT 120 [*]	2
PT 100 [*]	3 General Education Course (GA or GA IL/US)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 General Education Course (GH or GH IL/US)	3
First-Year Engagement (FYE)	1	
	17	13.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150 [*]	2 PT 250 [*]	3 PT 395F ^{*3}	4
PT 160 [*]	3 PT 260 [*]	3 PT 395G ^{*3}	4
PT 271 [*]	3 PT 272 [*]	2	
PT 290W [*]	3 PT 280 [*]	5	
PT 384 [*]	3 PT 285 [*]	2	
PT 395E [*]	3 General Education Course	3	
	17	18	8

Total Credits 73.5

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ This course satisfies the University United States/International Cultures requirement.

² This course satisfies the University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement. The clinical practicum component of this course is a three week full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.

³ This is a six week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.

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Program Notes:

Students are required to take a total of 3 credits in ARTS and 3 credits in HUM during the first 2 semesters.

KINES 13 is optional, student must be certified in Professional Rescuer, CPR, and First Aid.

Students are allowed to attend graduation ceremonies, but officially do not receive diploma until August, upon successful completion of their summer practicums.

A student's career/graduate school plans should be considered in developing an individual academic plan. Be sure to consult an adviser in this department when scheduling courses.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at Mont Alto Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PT 100*	3 PT 120*	2
BIOL 161 (GN) ^{††}	3 PT 384*	3
BIOL 162 (GN) ^{††}	1 BIOL 163 (GN)*	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) [‡]	3 BIOL 164 (GN)*	1
PSYCH 100 (GS) [†]	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3
PSU 8	1 General Education Course (GH or GA); US/IL recommended	3
General Education Course (GH or GA); US/IL recommended	3	
17		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150*	2 PT 250*	3 PT 395F ^{*4}	4
PT 160*	3 PT 260*	3 PT 395G ^{*5}	4
PT 271 ^{*1}	3 PT 272*	2	
PT 281*	2 PT 282*	3	
PT 290W*	3 PT 285*	2	
PT 395E ^{*2}	3 General Education Course (GH, GS, GWS)	3	
16		16	8

Total Credits 72

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ PT 271W - This course satisfies the University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

² PT 395E - This is a three-week clinical practicum in that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.

³ ENGL 202C, PSYCH 212, HDFS 129, HDFS 229, PSYCH 270 - Students will select ONE of the following: ENGL 202C - Technical Writing (requires 4th semester standing), Psychology 212 Introduction to Developmental Psychology, HDFS 129 Introduction to Human

Development and Family Studies, HDFS 229 - Infant and Child Development, or PSYCH 270 - Introduction to Abnormal Psychology. Not all of these courses are offered each semester at the Mont Alto campus.

⁴ PT 395F - This is a six-week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.

⁵ PT 395G - This is a six-week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.

⁶ Either GA or GH must satisfy US/IL requirements.

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Advising Notes:

All students are required to be currently certified in CPR for participation in PT 395E, PT 395F, and PT 395G. Students may attain the certification through KINES 13, which can be taken any semester.

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at Shenango Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course (GA)	3 BIOL 163*	3
BIOL 161*	3 BIOL 164*	1
BIOL 162*	1 General Education Course (GH)	3
ENGL 15 (GWS)**†	3 PT 120*	2
PSYCH 100 (GS)†	3 PT 384*	3
PT 100*	3 General Education Course (GQ)**†	3
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PT 150*	2 PT 260*	3
PT 160*	3 PT 272*	2
PT 250*	3 PT 280*	5
PT 271W*	3 PT 285*	2
PT 290*	2 PT 395E*	3
General Education Course (GH, GS, GWS)	3	
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits
PT 201	1
PT 395F*	4
PT 395G*	4
	9

Total Credits 71

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

Program Notes:

Students must complete a 3-credit course in "United States Cultures (US)" or a 3-credit course in "International Cultures (IL)."

Healthcare Providers CPR is required for clinical rotations.

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