

**Degree Requirements- Associate in Applied Science**

The courses listed below constitute the requirements for the AAS degree in Physical Therapist Assistant. This information is provided for **course requirement**/advisory purposes only.

All students are strongly urged to consult the **Essential Functions of a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)**. Hard copies of this Degree Req. form are available outside of MS 157 & MS 350. Electronic copies are located on the PTA program website.

**Pre-Professional Phase Courses**

**Continuation of the Professional Phase**

**Semester I Pre-Professional Phase (14 weeks)**

**Fall Professional Phase (14 weeks)**

ENG 101	English Composition I	(3/0)	3
PSY 101	Intro to Psychology	(3/0)	3
MAT *	Mathematics Elective	(3/0)	3
BIO 103	Anatomy & Physiology I	(3/3)	4
CSW 100	College Success & Wellness**	(2/0)	2

PTA 112	Pathology for Health Prof	(3/0)	3
PTA 210	PTA Techniques <sup>#</sup>	(3/2)	4
PTA 211	Physical Agents <sup>#</sup>	(3/3)	4
PTA 224	Clin Ed I 40-45 hr/wk x 4 wks	160hrs	3
PTA 227	PTA Seminar I <sup>#</sup>	(3/0)	3

**Semester II Pre-Professional Phase (14 weeks)**

**Spring Professional Phase (14 weeks)**

ENG 102	English Composition II	(3/0)	3
BIO 104	Anatomy & Physiology II	(3/3)	4
XXX XXX	General Education Elective <sup>&amp;</sup>	(3/0)	3
PTA 105	Kinesiology	(3/0)	3

PTA 216	Ortho for PTA	(1/2)	2
PTA 205	Motor Development	(1/0)	1
PTA 213	Therapy Clinic <sup>#</sup>	(3/3)	3
PTA 235	Clin Ed II 40-45 hr/wk x 5 wks	200hrs	4
PTA 237	PTA Prof Development	(3/0)	3

**Start of the Professional Phase**

**Summer I Professional Phase (6-8 Weeks)**

**Summer II Professional Phase (6 weeks)**

PTA 107	Therapeutic Measurement	(1/2)	2
PTA 201	Therapeutic Exercise	(1/2)	2

PTA 240	Clin Ed III 40-45 hr/wk x 6 wks	240hrs	5
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**Completion of the Professional Phase**

**KEY:**

- \* MAT 115 Algebra & Trig I, MAT 125 Intro to Statistics, MAT 140 Applied College Algebra, MAT 200 Statistics for Social & Health Sciences I, **or** higher level math courses
- \*\* CSW 100 College Success & Wellness, HPE 110 Concepts of Health & Fitness **or** HPE 111 Living with Health
- # This course is interrupted for either 4 or 5 weeks for a Clinical Education course as indicated within the semester.
- & The General Education course must be categorized as Social Science, Humanities, Historical Perspective, **or** Diversity & Global Perspective

**NOTES:**

- The PTA program utilizes Mercer's Academic Testing Center on campus which enables written exams to be administered outside of regularly scheduled class times. Approximately 60% of the written exams for the Professional Phase of the PTA program may be administered in the Academic Testing Center.
- Lab courses involve Competency Testing which takes place outside of class time. This may be up to 6 hours per lab course.
- **Health Records Requirements:** Eligibility to participate in the three clinical education courses throughout the curriculum is dependent on fulfilling all of the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Clinical Education Handbook. One of those requirements is the submission of health records. Additional detailed information regarding the health records requirements can be found on the PTA Program website and will be provided during the mandatory Orientation to the Professional Phase of the PTA Program meeting in May. Other than the medical insurance coverage, students are strongly advised to wait until after that May Orientation meeting to begin fulfilling these health records requirements.
- All PTA program **and science courses** must be passed with a grade of C+ or higher to continue in the PTA program. PTA program courses may only be attempted twice. Please note that some courses have expiration dates, which are provided on the PTA program Application.