

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT AAS CURRICULUM

Students may complete some or all of the general education (non-PTA) courses prior to admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program. The following course of study should serve as a guideline for registration and program completion. Placement testing in English, math, and reading or appropriate ACT/SAT scores is required for all entering freshmen. Placement determines the starting point for college-level courses. It is strongly suggested that interested students make an appointment with one of the program faculty prior to application to review general education requirements. Acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant program is required prior to enrolling in any PTA-prefix course. PTA courses are sequential and cannot be combined to shorten the length of the program. All courses listed in the PTA curriculum must be completed with a "C" or higher.

### *First Term (Fall Semester I)*

BIO201*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
EMS100**	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
HPS 105 or HPS 112	Medical Terminology	3
ORI101 or 105***	Orientation to College or Orientation and Student Success	1-3
PTA202	PTA Communication Skills	2
PTA220	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology	3
PTA222	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology Lab	2
PTA250	Therapeutic Procedures I	4
<b>TOTAL Credit Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

### *Second Term (Spring Semester)*

BIO202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG101	English Composition I	3
PTA232	Orthopedics for the PTA	2
PTA240	Physical Disabilities I	2
PTA251	Therapeutic Procedures II	4
PTA290	Therapeutic Exercise	3
<b>TOTAL Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### *Third Term (Summer Term)*

MTH100	Intermediate College Algebra	3
PTA230	Neuroscience	2
PTA241	Physical Disabilities II	2
PTA253	Therapeutic Procedures III	4
PTA260	Clinical Education I	1

**TOTAL Credit Hours 12**

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**Fourth Term (Fall Semester II)**

PSY200	General Psychology	3
SPH106 OR SPH107	Fundamentals of Oral Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
PTA200	PT Issues and Trends	2
PTA231	Rehabilitation Techniques	2
PTA261	Clinical Education II	1
PTA266	Clinical Field Work I	2
<b>TOTAL Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

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**Fifth Term (Spring Semester II)**

PSY210	Human Growth and Development	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		3
PTA201	PTA Seminar	2
PTA204	PTA Forum I	1
PTA268	Clinical Practicum	5
<b>TOTAL Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Total Program Credit Hours: 75**

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**\*Pre-requisite: Completion of BIO103 with a "C" or higher or satisfactory performance on ACCS Biology Placement Exam, prior to beginning the PTA program, if applicable. Students that have completed an Anatomy and Physiology course at WCC or another college and have received credit at WCC through the Office of Admissions and Records will not be required to complete BIO103 in order to meet curriculum requirements.**

**\*\*ORI 101, Orientation to College, or ORI105, Orientation and Student Success, if applicable (required of firsttime College students)?**

**\*\*Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support (BCLS) for the health care provider is required prior to the fourth week of semester one. This may be obtained at the College through enrollment in EMS 100 or at any other approved agency or facility.**

**\*\*\*If applicable (one orientation to college course required of first-time College students)**

**\*\*\*\*CIS 146, Microcomputer Applications – 3 credit hour or competency in computer science by passing a computer competency exam**