PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, A.S.

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:

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9-12 of the 21 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3-6 credits of GWS courses; 3 credits of GN courses; 3-6 credits of GS 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 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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Select 3 credits from the following:

- CAS 203 Interpersonal Communication
- ENGL 202C Effective Writing: Technical Writing
- HDFS 129 Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies
- HDFS 229 Infant and Child Development
- PSYCH 212 Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- PSYCH 270 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Selected Courses: Require a grade of C or better

- PSYCH 270 Pathophysiology
- PT 270 Pathophysiology
- PT 271 Pathophysiology I & PT 272 Pathophysiology II
- PT 271W Pathophysiology I & PT 272W Pathophysiology II

Select 5 credits from the following:

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

Select 4 credits from the following:

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

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.)
- 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 is used to satisfy more than one requirement, the credits from the course can be counted only once.
Foundations or Knowledge Domains
- Any General Education course: 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 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.