

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, A.S.

**Begin Campus:** DuBois, Fayette, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Shenango

**End Campus:** DuBois, 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 2021-22 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 (*Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

### Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at DuBois Campus

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#### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 <sup>‡</sup>	3 PT 100S <sup>*</sup>	3
BIOL 161 <sup>#</sup>	3 PT 120 <sup>*</sup>	2
BIOL 162 <sup>#</sup>	1 PT 384 <sup>*</sup>	3
PSYCH 100	3 BIOL 163 <sup>*†</sup>	3
General Education Course - Arts, Humanities or Quantitative <sup>‡</sup>	3 BIOL 164 <sup>*†</sup>	1
General Education Course <sup>‡</sup>	3 General Education Course <sup>‡</sup>	3
	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 250 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395F <sup>*</sup>	4
PT 160 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395E <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395G <sup>*</sup>	4
PT 271W <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 260 <sup>*</sup>	3	
PT 272 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 282 <sup>*</sup>	3	
PT 290 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 285 <sup>*</sup>	2	
PT 281 <sup>*</sup>	2 PSYCH 212 <sup>*</sup>	3	
	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

**Total Credits 70**

\* 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

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#### Program Notes:

- BIOL 161 and BIOL 162 require a B or better.
- 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 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	
PT 100*	3 PSYCH 100 (GS) <sup>†</sup>	3	
PT 120*	2 PT 384*	3	
ENGL 15 (GWS) <sup>‡</sup>	3 General Education Course (GH or GA)	3	
Quantification (GQ) (MATH 37 suggested) <sup>‡</sup>	3 General Education Course (GH or GA); US/IL Recommended	3	
PSU 8	1		
	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	

### 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 282W*	3	
PT 281*	2 PT 285*	2	
PT 290*	2 CAS 203, ENGL 202C, HDFS 129, HDFS 229, PSYCH 212, or PSYCH 270 <sup>†</sup>	3	
	PT 395E*	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

### 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

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### Academic Advising Notes:

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## Physical Therapist Assistant, A.S. at Hazleton Campus

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### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits	
BIOL 161 <sup>††</sup>	3 BIOL 163 <sup>*</sup>	3	
BIOL 162 <sup>††</sup>	1 BIOL 164 <sup>*</sup>	1	
ENGL 15 or 30H <sup>‡</sup>	3 General Education Course	3	
PSYCH 100 <sup>†</sup>	3 PT 120 <sup>*</sup>	2	
PT 100 <sup>*4</sup>	3 General Education Course	3	
General Education Course	3		
	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	

### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 250 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395F <sup>*3</sup>	4
PT 160 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 260 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395G <sup>*3</sup>	4
PT 270 <sup>*</sup>	5 PT 280 <sup>*2</sup>	5	
PT 290 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 285 <sup>*</sup>	2	
PT 384 <sup>*</sup>	3 ENGL 202C, PSYCH 212, CAS 203, PSYCH 270, or HDFS 229 <sup>†</sup>	3	
PT 395E <sup>*</sup>	3		
	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>

### Total Credits 70

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- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
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- <sup>1</sup> This course satisfies the University United States/International Cultures requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> This is a six week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.
- <sup>4</sup> PT 100 will be offered in the spring.

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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.

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

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### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PT 100S <sup>*1</sup>	3 PT 120 <sup>*</sup>	2
BIOL 161 (GN) <sup>*†</sup>	3 PT 384 <sup>*</sup>	3
BIOL 162 (GN) <sup>*†</sup>	1 BIOL 163 (GN) <sup>*</sup>	3
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) <sup>‡</sup>	3 BIOL 164 (GN) <sup>*</sup>	1
PSYCH 100 (GS) <sup>†</sup>	3 General Education Course (GQ) <sup>‡</sup>	3
PSU 8 <sup>8</sup>	1 General Education Course (GH or GA); US/IL recommended	3
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### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
PT 150 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 250 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395F <sup>*5</sup>	4
PT 160 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 260 <sup>*</sup>	3 PT 395G <sup>*6</sup>	4
PT 271W <sup>*2</sup>	3 PT 272 <sup>*</sup>	2	
PT 281 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 282 <sup>*</sup>	3	
PT 290 <sup>*</sup>	2 PT 285 <sup>*</sup>	2	
PT 395E <sup>*3</sup>	3 ENGL 202C, PSYCH 212, CAS 203, HDFS 129, HDFS 229, or PSYCH 270 <sup>4</sup>	3	
	15	16	8

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<sup>1</sup> PT 100 - Students are required to complete eight observation hours at two different clinical facilities in preparation for this course. See <https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/degrees/associate-physical-therapist-assistant/observation> (<https://montalto.psu.edu/academics/degrees/associate-physical-therapist-assistant/observation/>) for more information.

- <sup>2</sup> PT 271W - This course satisfies the University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.
- <sup>3</sup> PT 395E - This is a three-week clinical practicum in that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> PT 395F - This is a six-week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.
- <sup>6</sup> PT 395G - This is a six-week clinical practicum that is a full-time experience in a physical therapy practice setting.
- <sup>7</sup> Either GA or GH must satisfy US/IL requirements.
- <sup>8</sup> Required of students entering their first year of college only. Not required for students who are transferring credits from other institutions or are re-enrolling at Penn State.

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### Advising Notes:

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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.

### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits	
Art (GA)	3 BIOL 163*	3	
BIOL 161*	3 BIOL 164*	1	
BIOL 162*	1 Humanities (GH)	3	
ENGL 15 (GWS) <sup>*†‡</sup>	3 PT 120*	2	
PSYCH 100 (GS) <sup>†</sup>	3 PT 384*	3	
PT 100*	3 Quantification (GQ) <sup>*‡</sup>	3	
	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	

### Second Year

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PT 150*	2 PT 250*	3 PT 395F*	4
PT 160*	3 PT 260*	3 PT 395G*	4
PT 270W*	5 PT 280*	5	
PT 290*	2 PT 285*	2	
ENGL 202C, CAS 203, PSYCH 212, PSYCH 270, HDFS 129, or HDFS 229 (GS) <sup>†</sup>	3 PT 395E*	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>

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