



BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM COVER PAGE

AUGUST 2022

Thank you for your interest in BC3's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program offered at the BC3 Main Campus! Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis until all seats are filled for the Fall 2022 class.

Successful completion of this program may potentially lead to professional licensure. Licensure may be global or state-specific. This program meets requirements for the state of Pennsylvania. Requirements for other states may vary: bc3.edu/professional-licensure

This program is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Graduates are required to pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for PTA's.

An application packet will consist of the following:

1. BC3 Application for Admission (even if previously completed) and PTA Application
2. \$25.00 one-time, non-refundable application fee (Current and returning students **do not** pay the application fee)
3. Official high school transcript (required) & GED/HiSET test scores (if applicable)
4. Official college transcript(s) from schools attended other than BC3 (if applicable)

If you have additional questions, feel free to call the Admissions Office at 724-284-8501 or email admissions@bc3.edu.

Only complete application packets will be considered for admission. It is the student's responsibility to submit all required documentation and confirm its receipt. Official transcripts must be USPS mailed or sent from a third-party electronic transcript service. We do not accept faxed or emailed copies. Application packets may be dropped off during business hours or mailed to:

Butler County Community College
Attn: Admissions Office
P.O. Box 1203
Butler, PA 16003-1203

Application for Admission

Please complete the following information as accurately as possible. This information is required for admission.

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ID _____

TEST SESSION _____

Student ID# (if known): _____

Your Social Security number is required for financial aid eligibility, scholarships, veterans benefits, and IRS tax reporting purposes. To protect your privacy, it will not be used as your student identification number. You will be given a BC3 student ID number for identification.

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Name : _____
Last First Middle

List any previous last names: _____ Chosen first name: _____
Please attach proof of name change.

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County of Residence: _____

I acknowledge that I have lived in the state of Pennsylvania for the past 12 months

Home Phone Number: () _____ Cell Phone Number: () _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

In order to better serve our student population, we ask that you consider providing the following information. Your decision to answer these questions will in no way effect your admission status. All statistical data reported to state and federal agencies will not include personal identifiers.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic / Latino/a/x? YES NO I prefer not to answer

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

American Indian / Alaskan Native Asian Black / African American Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander White I prefer not to answer

Personal E-mail Address _____

Be sure to activate your MyBC3 e-mail account. Once accepted as a BC3 student, the College will communicate with you through your student e-mail address.

Program code for which you are applying: 215
(See codes on page 4)

Program of Study: Physical Therapist Assistant

What is your intended term of enrollment?
(Please circle one)
FALL (August) SPRING (January) SUMMER (May/June)
2021 2022 2022
2022 2023 2023
2023

If you selected General Studies (100A), designate your specific area of interest:
 General
 Undecided
 Science and Technology
 Pre-Massage Therapy
 Pre-Medical Assistant

What is your college experience?
 I took one or more courses for credit while still in high school.
 I am new to college. I've never taken college courses for credit.
 I previously submitted an application to BC3, but did not enroll.
 I was previously enrolled at BC3 and took one or more credit courses.
 I am/was enrolled at another college or university and want to transfer to enroll as a BC3 student.
 I am currently enrolled at another college or university and want to take BC3 credits as a guest student.

What is your educational goal?
Take courses or earn a degree at BC3 and...
 Start a career
 Transfer to another college or university
 Earn credits while enrolled at another college or university
 Get a jump start on college while still in high school
 Uncertain

If you selected Health Care Science (210), designate your specific area of interest:
 Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant
 Pre-Practical Nursing
 Pre-Registered Nursing

Do you need to take placement tests? (Check all that apply)
Students may be exempt from placement testing upon review of the following information:
 English course at BC3 or another college passed with a grade "C" or higher
 Math course at BC3 or another college passed with a grade "C" or higher
 AP English Language & Composition – Exam Score: _____
 AP Math Statistics or Calculus AB/BC – Exam Score: _____
 ACT English Score _____ SAT EBRW Score _____
 ACT Math Score _____ SAT Math Score _____

How many credit hours do you intend to take?
 Full Time - 12+ credits
 Part Time - 1-11 credits

Where do you intend to take the majority of your classes?
 BC3 Main Campus (Butler)
 BC3 @ Armstrong (Ford City)
 BC3 @ Brockway (Brockway)
 BC3 @ Cranberry (Cranberry Township)
 BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing (New Castle)
 BC3 @ LindenPointe (Hermitage)
 Online (Internet)

Are you a U.S. citizen? YES / NO **If no, please complete :** I am a permanent resident
 Circle One Permanent resident card #: _____

Are you or have you ever been a service member of the United States military? YES / NO
 Circle One Other type of VISA: _____
 Country of citizenship: _____
 *Must produce documents for photocopy

Will you be a high school graduate before starting at BC3? YES / NO **High School Graduation Year:** _____
 Circle One If you did not or will not graduate from high school, did you obtain a GED or HiSET High School Equivalency Diploma? YES / NO
 Circle One

Name of high school: _____ City: _____ State: _____

List all colleges, business or technical schools attended:

Name of School * Please include <i>College in High School</i> institutions.	
1.	3.
2.	4.

Why did you choose BC3? (Pick one) Academic programs Close to home Day care
 Affordability Convenient schedule Undecided major

How do you plan to fund your education? (Check all that apply) EZ Payment Plan Financial Aid Scholarships Self-Pay

Do you have an interest in competitive student athletics (NJCAA)? YES / NO
 Circle One

If Yes, check all that apply:

Baseball (Men's) Basketball (Men's and Women's) Golf (Men's and Women's) Softball (Women's) Volleyball (Women's)

I understand that BC3 reserves the right to use photographs and video taken in the classroom and/or on campus for educational and promotional purposes of BC3 and its programs.

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Your Signature : _____ Date : ____ / ____ / ____

Nondiscrimination Policy

Butler County Community College is committed to providing equal opportunity in admissions and treatment of students, in educational programs for students, in employment opportunities and in governance of the College, without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, use of a service animal due to disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, perceived gender identity, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law.

The College shall ensure (1) that it does not discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment or another person because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, use of a service animal due to disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, perceived gender identity, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law; (2) that it does not subject students to unlawful discrimination in the admission process, take any action, direct or indirect, to segregate students in a classroom or course, or subject students to different or separate treatment in, nor restrict the enjoyment by a student of, a service, facility, activity or program at the College on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, use of a service animal due to disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, perceived gender identity, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law; and (3) that it does not discriminate in the employment of administrators on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, use of a service animal due to disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, perceived gender identity, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law and that its governance structure includes diverse membership broadly representative of the public interest as may be required by law or regulation.

There shall be no retaliation against any applicant, employee, or student for filing a harassment or discrimination complaint, or assisting, testifying, or participating in the investigation of such a complaint. Any applicant, employee, or student reporting sexual or other harassment or discrimination will also be protected from reprisals or retaliation by the College, any supervisors, and/or co-workers as a result of such complaint(s).

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For information regarding the College's Complaint Procedure, visit our website at <https://bc3.edu/directory/human-resources/pdf/Civil-Rights-and-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf> or contact the Executive Director of Human Resources/Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer, Butler County Community College by telephone at Ext. 8353 or in writing at the above address.

BC3 USE ONLY

RE-ADMIT : _____

NEW : _____ \$25 APP. FEE : _____

2022-2023 PTA PROGRAM APPLICATION

Institutions Attended: Official Transcript Requirement

ALL official transcripts are required for your PTA application to be reviewed (except your BC3 transcript). Students who have taken the GED®/HiSET are required to submit a copy of their test scores and take 12+ college-level credits to establish a new GPA.

Name of High School	Dates Attended	Currently Enrolled (yes/no)
1.		
2.		

Name of Colleges Attended (Please list all colleges currently or previously attended including BC3)	Dates Attended	Currently Enrolled (yes/no)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Biology/Algebra Requirement

If currently taking the course place “IP” for “In Progress” in the date course completed and grade earned rows.

Biology Course Number/Name (Comparable to BIOL 101 or high school Biology)	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Grade earned in course

Algebra Course Number/Name (Comparable to MATH 090/MATH 091 or high school Algebra)	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Grade earned in course

Anatomy & Physiology

Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2 **are not** required to apply to the PTA Program, but they are *strongly encouraged* and will be considered in the evaluation process. Please indicate whether you had these courses at a **college-level** below. If currently taking the course place “IP” for “In Progress” in the date course completed and grade earned rows. If not taken yet, please leave this section blank.

Anatomy & Physiology I (Comparable to BIOL 131 at BC3)	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Grade earned in course

Anatomy & Physiology II (Comparable to BIOL 132 at BC3)	Institution where course was taken	Date course completed	Grade earned in course

GPA Requirement

Applicants to the PTA program must have a 2.80 cumulative GPA minimum from high school or college of most recent attendance if 12+ college-level credits were completed there. They must also have a “C” or better in all PTA degree requirements for acceptance and continuation in the program.

Please check the box below if this statement is true:

Yes, I have a 2.80 cumulative GPA or better.

Experience in Physical Therapy

Note: Applicants are not required to complete the 20 hours of shadowing with a PT or PTA for Fall 2022 or submit letters of recommendation. This is a temporary adjustment due to the ongoing nature of COVID-19.

Application Verification

By signing below, I understand it is my responsibility to submit all official transcripts from high school as well as official college/university transcripts (if applicable) for institutions attended aside from BC3. I will communicate with the BC3 Admissions Office as necessary regarding my application. I also attest that the information provided is accurate and completed to the best of my ability.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR FALL 2022

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at Butler County Community College (BC3). The following will provide information about the profession, the academic program, and the application process.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

As an important member of the health care team, PTAs work under the supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist (PT). Duties performed by the PTA include implementing treatment programs according to the plan of care, training patients in exercises and activities of daily living, conducting treatments using special equipment, administering modalities (or physical agents) and other treatment procedures, reporting to the PT on the patient's responses, modifying the treatment as necessary, documenting relevant aspects of treatment, and communicating with other healthcare team members.

PTAs are most commonly employed in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities, outpatient clinics, and home health settings. Local, regional and national trends can affect employment availability, and the PTA Program cannot guarantee employment to graduates.

Licensure is required by all states in order to practice as a PTA. The national licensing examination is the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy determines all eligibility requirements and passing scores. Following admission into the PTA Program and throughout the program, information regarding NPTE, costs, eligibility and all other relevant information will be provided to students.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Butler County Community College, chartered in 1965, was the first community college in western Pennsylvania. Today, approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in credit programs across our six regional locations and online. The PTA program is located two miles south of the city of Butler on a spacious, wooded campus. BC3 is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Information about BC3 may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@bc3.edu or 724-284-8501 or visiting our website www.bc3.edu.

PTA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The PTA Program consists of 70 credits and can be completed in a minimum of five semesters, which includes a summer session. PTA classes begin in the fall semester (typically the fourth week of August), and the program is completed at the conclusion of the spring semester approximately 21 months later. Upon graduation, students receive an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Physical Therapist Assistant.

The PTA Program courses include general, technical, and clinical education courses. Due to the intensive nature of the program, it is recommended that applicants complete as many of general education courses as possible before beginning the technical PTA courses. **Widely recognized as “gatekeeper” courses, Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2, are especially predictive of future performance and are highly considered when selecting applicants for acceptance.** Students who want to take the general education courses prior to beginning the technical PTA courses should apply to BC3 as a Health Care Science (210), Pre-PTA student.

The technical PTA courses are held primarily during the day, with a limited amount of coursework online. There are no evening or weekend PTA courses. Many of the technical PTA courses have a laboratory component in which various skills are learned and practiced. Students with questions about the physical requirements of the program are referred to Dr. Randy Kruger, PTA Program Director at randy.kruger@bc3.edu or 724-287-8711 Ext. 8372.

There are three required full-time clinical experiences provided by the PTA curriculum. Students are placed at affiliating sites to gain clinical exposure and experience. Students are responsible for all transportation and other associated costs. The PTA Program's Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education will provide the students with all applicable materials and information necessary for the clinical education component. Specific requirements to engage in affiliations are listed in the "Special Requirements" section.

The PTA Program is not designed as a bridge into a Physical Therapy (DPT) program. The general education courses required by the PTA Program may transfer to four-year institutions toward a bachelor's degree. However, the technical and clinical PTA courses do not meet requirements for four-year degree programs. Students may meet with a PTA advisor for questions regarding further education options.

PTA PROGRAM ACCREDITATION STATUS

The PTA Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). CAPTE's address is 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085, Telephone: (800) 999-2782.

The graduation rates for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program for the previous three years of 2018, 2019, and 2020 were 92%, 50%, and 73% for an average graduation rate of 72%

Graduates are required to pass a licensing examination in order to practice as a PTA. The licensing examination (National Physical Therapy Examination or NPTE) passing rates for the classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019 were 100%, 91.3%, and 88.9% for an average passing rate of 93.4%.

Graduates who obtained any form of Physical Therapist Assistant employment within six months of licensure were considered to be employed. Employment rates for the classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019 were 100%, 95.5% and 75% for an average employment rate of 90%.

ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Admission into the PTA Program is selective and competitive. Completion of a special application packet is required and can be obtained from the Admissions Office at the BC3 Main Campus or may be downloaded from the BC3 website (www.bc3.edu/admission/healthcare). All applicants are considered equally regardless of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, handicap or disability, use of a service animal due to disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, perceived gender identity, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, family status, or other classification protected by applicable law. The PTA Admissions Committee assumes the responsibility to review the academic data of all applicants to select the best qualified individuals.

ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

The PTA Program is selective, so only the most qualified applicants will be accepted. Applicants who do not meet requirements at the time of application will not be considered until all admission requirements are met. Applicants will be scored and ranked objectively based on a combination of grade point average (GPA), success

in PTA general education courses, and college-level Anatomy and Physiology grades. No priority is given to applicants who have applied in previous years.

There is a maximum enrollment of 30 students. If necessary, a waiting list will be created. There will be no carry over to subsequent years if an applicant is not selected. Applicants who do not receive admission into the PTA Program must re-apply the following year.

Applicants will be selected by the PTA Admission Committee based on several factors including:

- PTA Application for Admission
- Pre-requisite of Biology and Algebra
 - High school or college-level Biology comparable to BIOL 101 (with a grade of “C” or better)
 - High school or college-level Algebra comparable to MATH 090/MATH 091 (with a grade of “C” or better)
- Completion, if applicable, of any required developmental or preparatory courses based on placement test scores (with a grade of “C” or better). All new students will be required to take placement tests, which assess reading, writing, and math abilities, provide proof of meeting SAT or ACT cut-off scores within the last five years, or provide a high school transcript within the last five years showing an unweighted GPA of 3.00 or better for exemption consideration (www.bc3.edu/placement-testing).
- Passing grade (“C” or better) in all general education courses required by the PTA Program.
 - The student’s acceptance will be rescinded if a student receives a “D” or “F” in a required course prior to the start of the technical PTA courses. For example, if a student was accepted during the spring semester, but received a “D” or “F” in a required course in the spring or summer, his/her acceptance would be rescinded.
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 are especially recommended. Applicants who achieve minimum passing grades or who required more than one attempt to pass Anatomy and Physiology have demonstrated significantly lower graduation and licensure passing rates than those who passed on the first attempt with higher grades.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.80.
 - The high school GPA will be utilized if the applicant has not attended college.
 - If not a high school graduate, GED/HiSET scores will be accepted. Students will then need to complete 12+ 100-level or higher college credits to establish a new GPA.
 - If the applicant has a high school GPA of less than 2.80, the Admissions Committee will review the applicant upon completion of 12+ 100-level or higher college credits.
 - If the applicant has a college GPA of less than 2.80, the applicant must either take/repeat courses to raise the GPA to at least 2.80 at their current institution or take 12+ 100-level or higher college credits a new college or university to re-establish their GPA.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The PTA Program Director will meet with all accepted students for an orientation session. Among other information, PTA students will be advised of the following requirements including timeline in which these documents are required:

1. Be certified in the American Heart Association BLS CPR for the Healthcare Professional or the American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Providers.
2. Provide proof of personal health insurance coverage.

3. Have a satisfactory annual physical examination including ability to meet physical requirements and proof of required immunizations.
4. Submit Act 34/151 clearances (Pennsylvania Criminal History Record and Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance). Students with criminal and/or child abuse backgrounds may not be permitted to engage in clinical affiliations, and therefore may not be eligible for program completion, licensure, or employment. Some clinical sites require additional urine drug screening. Students with positive drug screen findings may not be permitted to engage in clinical affiliations, and therefore may not be eligible for program completion, licensure, or employment. Note: Some clinical sites require additional fingerprinting.
5. Assume all responsibilities for all transportation to and from the college, as well as, clinical facilities to which they are assigned.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To expedite the admissions process, this **Self-Managed Application** has been developed. **The applicant will be responsible for collecting materials.** If possible, all application documents should be submitted together in one large envelope.

STEPS TO COMPLETING YOUR PTA APPLICATION

1. Obtain PTA Application from www.bc3.edu/admission/healthcare or the Admissions Office.
2. Read all materials carefully.
3. Complete the PTA Application for Admission. A \$25.00 one-time, non-refundable application fee is required of all individuals making application to BC3 for **the first time**. Current and returning students do not have to pay the fee again.
4. Obtain your official high school transcript and/or GED/HiSET test scores (if applicable) and include copies, in a sealed envelope from the institution, along with PTA application materials or have them USPS mailed from the high school on your behalf.
5. Obtain your official college transcripts (if applicable) and include copies, in a sealed envelope from the institution along with PTA application materials. **Official transcripts can be emailed by a third-party electronic transcript service to registration@bc3.edu. You do not need to submit an official BC3 transcript.**
6. Submit application materials to the Admissions Office during business hours or via USPS mail to: BC3 Admissions Office, P.O. Box 1203, Butler, PA 16003.

BC3 will not consider the application process complete until all required materials, including the application, high school and college transcripts (if applicable) have been received.

If you are taking courses at another college or university during the application period, a final, official transcript must be also sent on your behalf once coursework is complete and grades are posted. All materials submitted become the property of BC3. Credentials sent in support of this application will not be duplicated or returned to the applicant.

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PTA PROGRAM COSTS

The following costs for the PTA Program are only estimates and may change without prior notice. You may find the most up-to-date information here: <https://www.bc3.edu/paying/tuition-fees.html>. The table below was constructed assuming students are taking the general, as well as, technical PTA courses concurrently. Costs will be less if general courses are complete. All fees will apply whether students are full-time or part-time.

Butler County resident tuition	\$120.00 per credit
All other Pennsylvania resident tuition	\$223.00 per credit
Out-of-state or international tuition	\$323.00 per credit
Comprehensive fee (All students)	\$52.00 per credit
Lab fee	\$35.00 per lab course
Online course fee	\$25.00 per credit
Malpractice insurance fee	\$10.00 per term

2021-2022 Estimated Tuition, Fees, and Books (assuming full-time status and all general courses)

	First year (fall, spring)	Summer	Second year (fall, spring)
Tuition			
Butler County resident	\$2160 x 2 semesters = \$4320	\$840	\$1680 x 2 semesters = \$3360
Other PA county resident	\$4014 x 2 semesters = \$8028	\$1561	\$3122 x 2 semesters = \$6244
Out-of-state or international	\$5814 x 2 semesters = \$11628	\$2261	\$4522 x 2 semesters = \$9044
Comprehensive fee	\$52 x 36 credits = \$1872	\$52 x 7 = \$364	\$52 x 27 credits = \$1404
Lab fee	\$35 x 5 courses = \$175		\$35 x 2 courses = \$70
Insurance fee	\$10	\$10	\$10
Online course fee	\$25 x 1 credit = \$25		\$25 x 2 credits = \$50
Books			
	General courses: \$982	General courses: \$89	General courses: \$0
	PTA courses: \$1090	PTA courses: 0	PTA courses: \$309

Additional Costs

CPR for the Healthcare Providers	up to \$100
Physical Examination	variable (may be substantial!)
Clearances	\$100 (more if fingerprinting, drug screening)
Identification pin	\$12
Personal equipment (stethoscope, goniometer, etc.)	variable
Clinical attire	variable
APTA student membership	\$80
Graduation fee	\$40
NPTE application	\$485

AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students are encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov to determine eligibility for state and federal grant and loan programs. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 724-287-8711 ext. 8329 or financialaid@bc3.edu with further questions or for assistance with the process.

Butler County Community College
Curriculum Planner
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, PTA, No. 215
Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program prepares graduates for employment in the role of a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) and as a member of the health care team. The Program focuses on two concepts: patient care and the physical therapy delivery system. **See description in College catalog for detailed information.**

Successful completion of this program may potentially lead to professional licensure/certification. Licensure/ certification may be global, national, or state-specific. This program meets requirements for the State of Pennsylvania. Requirements for other states may vary.

Minimum 70/71 Credits

First Semester (Fall Session)

	PTA Seminar I	PTAP	101	3
	PTA Procedures I	PTAP	121	4
	PTA Fundamentals of Therapeutic Exercise	PTAP	135	2
+a	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL	131	4
+*b	Intermediate Algebra or Elementary Statistics	MATH	100 or MATH 107	3
+	Health Science/Physical Wellness	HLTH	120/PHED 125	<u>2/3</u>
				18/19

Second Semester (Spring Session)

*	PTA Functional Anatomy	PTAP	140	3
*	PTA Procedures II	PTAP	122	5
+*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL	132	4
+	College Writing	ENGL	101	3
+	General Psychology	PSYC	201	<u>3</u>
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Third Semester (Summer Session)

*	PTA Clinical Education I (200 hrs.)	PTAP	201	4
+	Speech	COMM	201	<u>3</u>
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Fourth Semester (Fall Session, First 11 Weeks)

*	PTA Patient Practitioner Interaction	PTAP	109	1
*	PTA Procedures III	PTAP	123	5
*	Pathophysiology	PTAP	230	4

Fourth Semester (Fall Session, Last 5 Weeks)

*	PTA Clinical Education II (200 hrs.)	PTAP	202	<u>4</u>
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Fifth Semester (Spring Session)

*	PTA Seminar II (online, entire semester)	PTAP	105	2
*	PTA Procedures IV (first 7 weeks)	PTAP	124	5
*	PTA Clinical Education III (300 hrs. last 8 weeks)	PTAP	203	<u>6</u>
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The student is encouraged to use the curriculum planner to keep track of courses taken and those still needed. In some cases one or more courses may be taken in a different order than indicated on the planner, but prerequisites must be observed.

* - Indicates course has a prerequisite.

a - Must be taken before or with PTA Procedures I and PTA Seminar I.

b - College Algebra (MATH 101 or higher may be substituted)

+ - Courses that can be taken in advance of acceptance into the PTA Program, as a General Studies Student.

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