

Physical Therapist Assistant AAS Degree Courses

Award	Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Credits	53
Enrollment	Full-time
Program Start	Spring
Time to Complete	1½ years

2023–2024 Suggested Sequence of Study



The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program Spring 2024. Part-time students should visit with a program advisor for a modified sequence of study.



When registering for classes refer to Self-Service > Student Planning to view your specific program requirements, your progress, and ensure proper registration.



Courses are subject to change.

- ◆ General education course.
- ▣ Non-transfer general education course.
- ▶ Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite.
- 4WK4** Course meets the last 4 weeks of the term.
- 12WK1** Course meets the first 12 weeks of the term.

Pre-Program Coursework

A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher must be achieved for Term 0 coursework.

You are not eligible for the Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant while taking prerequisite courses.

See Admissions Requirements for more information.

Term 0 — Prerequisites *

BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I * <i>Must be completed with a minimum grade of B-</i>	4	
ENG-105	Composition I ► -OR-	3	◆
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication <i>Must be completed with a minimum grade of C-</i>	3	◆
HSC-113	Medical Terminology <i>Must be completed with a minimum grade of C-</i>	2	
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology -OR-	3	◆
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology <i>Must be completed with a minimum grade of C-</i>	3	◆

Total Credits 12

Technical Program Coursework

Physical Therapist Assistant program technical coursework, Term 1, begins each Spring.

Terms 1–5 require students to be on campus or in an assigned clinical site on a full-time basis.

The program has a dress code for both on-campus coursework and clinical education.

Prior to entering an assigned clinical site, the student must:

- Have a physical examination with updated immunizations recorded on the Hawkeye Community College form. The form and instructions will be provided to all eligible students during the in-program orientation.
- Pass a criminal background, sex offender, and adult/dependent abuse background checks. Instructions will be provided during program orientation. Failing a background check will result in dismissal from the program.
- Complete Mandatory Reporting, Workplace Safety training, and HIPAA training. This training is part of the HSC-108 Introduction to Healthcare Professions course.

Basic Life Support CPR level is also required and can be obtained through the Hawkeye Community College Business and Community Services department.

All of these opportunities can be coordinated through communication with the Physical Therapist Assistant program director.

Students must achieve a minimum grade of C or higher in all program coursework.

You may only fail one program course; failing more than one course will be grounds for dismissal from the program.

Clinical experiences are completed off-campus. Sites may be local, in-state, or out-of-state. You are responsible for transportation to and from clinicals, as well as any associated housing costs. You will not be allowed to select specific clinical sites, but may make requests for special needs or geographical locations.

Term 1 — Spring

BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II ▶ <i>Must be completed with a minimum grade of B-</i>	4
PTA-101 Introduction to PTA ▶	2
PTA-120 Kinesiology ▶	3
PTA-150 Pathophysiology ▶	3

Total Credits 12

Term 2 — Summer *

PTA-111 PTA Fundamentals ▶	4
PTA-202 Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary Rehab ▶	2
PTA-310 PTA Clinical I ▶	1

Total Credits 7

* Term 2 — Summer requires students to be on campus two mornings per week.

Term 3 — Fall

PTA-350 PTA Clinical II ▶	4WK4	2
PTA-194 Therapeutic Agents I ▶	12WK1	3
PTA-211 Musculoskeletal I ▶	12WK1	3
PTA-233 Therapeutic Exercise ▶	12WK1	4
PTA-242 Adult Neurology ▶	12WK1	2

Total Credits 14

Term 4 — Spring

PTA-400 PTA Clinical III ▶	4WK4	2
PTA-113 Fundamentals for PTA II ▶	12WK1	3
PTA-195 Therapeutic Agents II ▶	12WK1	3
PTA-212 Musculoskeletal II ▶	12WK1	3
PTA-243 Pediatric Neurology ▶	12WK1	2

Total Credits 13

Term 5 — Summer

PTA-284 PTA Professional Issues ▶ 2

PTA-450 PTA Clinical IV ▶ 5

Total Credits 7