

# Physical Therapist Assistant Degree Map

● CAREER DEGREE     MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS

## A Day in the Life ...

Studying to become a physical therapist assistant can lead to a fulfilling and satisfying career in a multitude of clinical settings. You will learn the foundation and intricacies of the physical therapist assistant's role in rehabilitative medicine maintaining and restoring pain free function to people of all ages.

## Three Reasons to Consider Physical Therapist Assistant

1. As a physical therapist assistant, you become an integral part of the health care team to affect and promote the individual's ability to achieve their highest level of functional independence.
2. The program readies students to successfully take the national licensure examination.
3. SUNY Orange Physical Therapist Assistant graduates find employment within three months of graduation.

## Keep This in Mind

Students will need to purchase additional clinical equipment and uniform attire.

A minimum grade of "C" is required in all PTA courses and a minimum grade of "C" is required in each of the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, and Basic Exercise Physiology.

During the clinical education component of the program students will be attending full days at an assigned clinical site up to 75 minutes from their home.

Students must have an annual physical and may be subject to additional criminal background checks and drug testing.

## Physical Therapist Assistant Gateway Courses:

*Course sequences for Physical Therapist Assistant have been thoughtfully developed to include all necessary gateway courses and key electives, and to meet all accrediting standards.*

### First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1	P	3
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology 1	P	4
PTA 101	PTA 1	C, P/C	4
PTA 103	Introduction to Physical Therapy	C, P/C	2
PTA 105	Medical Conditions for the PTA	C, P/C	3
	Total Semester Credits		16

### Milestones

**During this semester, students should:**

- Provide clinical choice preferences

### Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
BIO 112	Anatomy and Physiology 2	P	4
PTA 102	PTA 2	P, C, P/C	4
PTA 104	Kinesiology	P, C, P/C	4
PED 224	Introduction to Exercise Principles		2
	Total Semester Credits		17

### Milestones

**During this semester, students should:**

- Register to take CPR over the summer

### Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology		3
PED 202	Basic Exercise Physiology	C	3
PTA 201	PTA 3	P, C, P/C	4

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Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PTA 205	Clinical Education 1	P, C, P/C	3
PTA 207	Tests and Measurement Skills for the PTA	P, C, P/C	4
	Total Semester Credits		17

### Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- See advisor and register for classes

### Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PSY 220	Developmental Psychology	P	3
PTA 202	PTA 4	P, C, P/C	4
PTA 206	Clinical Education 2	P, C, P/C	3
PTA 208	Contemp. Practice for the PTA	P, C, P/C	3
	Total Semester Credits		13

### Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete and present Capstone clinical case study
- Attend pinning ceremony
- Apply for graduation

### Summer Clinical Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PTA 220	Clinical Education 3	P	3

### Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Apply for graduation (if you have not already done so)

**TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 66**