

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Health
- **Department:** Health Professions
- **Program Code:** PTAE.AAS
- **Program Type:** Career and Technical Education
- **Available Fully Online:** No
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

Explore More About This Program: <https://cwi.edu/program/physical-therapist-assistant>

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
Program Admission Requirements ¹		
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 1 requirement:</i>		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 3 requirement:</i>		
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the General Education Elective requirement:</i>		
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ²	3
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ²	1
Additional General Education Requirements		
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 2 requirement:</i>		
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication ³	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 6 requirement:</i>		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology ³	3
Major Requirements		
BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{2,3}	3
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ^{2,3}	1
PTAE 101	Physical Therapy in Healthcare	2
PTAE 107	Kinesiology	2
PTAE 107L	Kinesiology Lab	2
PTAE 110	Principles and Procedures of Physical Therapy	1
PTAE 110L	Principles and Procedures of Physical Therapy Lab	2
PTAE 113	Clinical Pathology	2
PTAE 204	Therapeutic Modalities	1
PTAE 204L	Therapeutic Modalities Lab	2
PTAE 207	Therapeutic Exercise	2
PTAE 207L	Therapeutic Exercise Lab	2
PTAE 208	Orthopedic Rehabilitation	2
PTAE 208L	Orthopedic Rehabilitation Lab	2
PTAE 211	Data Collection	1
PTAE 211L	Data Collection Lab	2
PTAE 215	Special Populations	1
PTAE 215L	Special Populations Lab	2
PTAE 217	Neurological Rehabilitation	2
PTAE 217L	Neurological Rehabilitation Lab	2
PTAE 221	Seminar Experience	2
PTAE 240	Clinical Affiliation I	7

PTAE 241	Clinical Affiliation II	7
Minimum Credit Hours Required		71

- ¹ Courses required prior to program entry are included in degree requirements and total credits.
- ² Human Anatomy and Physiology (1 and/or 2) must have been completed within the past seven years or a request for a waiver is approved. In order to waive the seven-year requirement for lab sciences, a student must demonstrate that other relevant coursework or work experience was completed within the past seven years. See [program web page](#) for additional information.
- ³ The Physical Therapist Assistant AAS is a competitive entry program. Although these courses may be taken after program entry, preference will be given to students who have completed all general education courses with high grades prior to submitting a program application.

NOTE: All courses listed under Major Requirements must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Plan of Study Guide

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Many Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites that have been accounted for within this Plan of Study Guide. Please register for your major requirements each semester as shown below using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your Student Success Advisor for any questions regarding this plan.

NOTE: General education courses may be completed during any semester the student prefers, including summer semesters, unless they required for program admission.

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
Program Admission Requirements ¹		
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (GE Elective) ²	3
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab (GE Elective) ²	1
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
Minimum Credit Hours Required		13

- ¹ These courses are prerequisites to program entry and can be completed anytime prior to beginning the PTA program. **Prerequisite courses are included in the degree requirements and total credits required for graduation.**
- ² BIOL 227 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 227L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab must have been completed within the past seven years or a request for a waiver is approved. In order to waive the seven-year requirement for lab sciences, a student must demonstrate that other relevant coursework or work experience was completed within the past seven years. See [program web page](#) for additional information.

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ^{1,2}	1
PTAE 101	Physical Therapy in Healthcare	2
PTAE 107	Kinesiology	2
PTAE 107L	Kinesiology Lab	2
PTAE 110	Principles and Procedures of Physical Therapy	1
PTAE 110L	Principles and Procedures of Physical Therapy Lab	2
PTAE 211	Data Collection	1
PTAE 211L	Data Collection Lab	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6) ¹	3
PTAE 207	Therapeutic Exercise	2
PTAE 207L	Therapeutic Exercise Lab	2
PTAE 208	Orthopedic Rehabilitation	2
PTAE 208L	Orthopedic Rehabilitation Lab	2

PTAE 217	Neurological Rehabilitation	2
PTAE 217L	Neurological Rehabilitation Lab	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2) ¹	3
PTAE 113	Clinical Pathology	2
PTAE 215	Special Populations	1
PTAE 215L	Special Populations Lab	2
PTAE 240	Clinical Affiliation I	7
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
PTAE 204	Therapeutic Modalities	1
PTAE 204L	Therapeutic Modalities Lab	2
PTAE 221	Seminar Experience	2
PTAE 241	Clinical Affiliation II	7
Total Semester Credit Hours		12
Minimum Credit Hours Required		58

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² BIOL 228 Human Anatomy and Physiology II and BIOL 228L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab must have been completed within the past seven years or a request for a waiver is approved. In order to waive the seven-year requirement for lab sciences, a student must demonstrate that other relevant coursework or work experience was completed within the past seven years. See [program web page](#) for additional information.

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Distinguish between the role of the physical therapist and the role of the physical therapist assistant and discern the similarities and differences, explaining them in the context of patient care and the broader workplace.
- Perform physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of physical therapists alone.
- Perform physical therapy interventions in keeping with practices that assure safety for self, patients/clients, and the workplace.
- Consistently perform treatment interventions with competence and in keeping with best practice, current knowledge, standards of ethical practice, and research.
- Provide patient/client care in a respectful and culturally sensitive manner to all individuals.
- Advocate for individuals in need of physical therapy care to supervisors, health care providers, third-party payers, communities, and the greater society.
- Recognize the necessity for continued learning and invest in opportunities for continued vocational and personal growth through education.
- Provide education to peers, patients/clients, and others through professional organizations, employment, and other avenues of collaboration.

(Outcomes adapted from the Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education Mission, Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives in partnership with the College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and North Idaho College.)