



Physical Therapist Assistant

Bachelor's Degree Program

Recommended Course Sequence

SEMESTER/YR	COURSE NUMBER	REACH Category	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
FALL/YR 1	IMU 101		Introduction to Mercyhurst	2
	COMP 120		Writing & Research	3
	BIO 120	A	Human Biology	3
	BIO 121	A	Human Biology Lab	1
	SOC 108 or PSYC 101	H	Human Growth & Development Or Introduction to Psychology	3
	Choose 1 100 or 200 level course from electives or REACH.			
Total Credits for Fall Semester, Year 1				15
SPRING/YR 1	SCI 200		Topics in Healthcare	4
	STAT 120	A	Statistics for Research	3
	COM 102		Interpersonal Communication	3
	Choose 2 100 or 200 level courses from electives or REACH.			
Total Credits for Spring Semester, Year 1				16
FALL/YR 2	SOC 204	H	Diversity in Society	3
	BIO 240/241	A	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture/Lab	4
	OR BIO 334/335	A	Human Anatomy and Lab	
	Choose 3 100 or 200 level courses from electives or REACH.			
Total Credits for Fall Semester, Year 2				16
SPRING/YR 2	COM 310		Human Behavior and Persuasion	3
	BIO 250/251	A	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture/Lab	4
	Or BIO 344/345	A	Human Physiology II and Lab	
	PUBH 276		Public Health Nutrition	3
	BTG 300		Beyond the Gates	1
	Choose 1 100 or 200 level course from electives or REACH.			
Total Credits for Spring Semester, Year 2				14
FALL/YR 3	PTA 200		Kinesiology	4
	PTA 204		Kinesiology lab	1
	PTA 103		Health Care Communications	1
	Choose 2-3 courses from electives or REACH.			
Total Credits for Fall Semester, Year 3				12-15
SPRING/YR 3	PTA 101		Introduction to Physical Therapy	4
	PTA 104		Intro to PT Lab	1
	PTA 207		Orthopedics for the PTA	4
	PTA 205		Pathophysiology	4
	SCI 102		Basic Life Support	1
Total Credits for Spring Semester, Year 3				14
SUMMER/YR 3	ETH 400		Capstone Ethics	3
	PTA 208		Therapeutic Exercise	3
	PTA 218		Therex Lab	1

Total Credits for Summer Semester, Year 3				7
FALL/YR 4	PTA 206		Therapeutic Modalities	4
	PTA 216		Modalities Lab	1
	PTA 217		Orthopedic Interventions Lab	1
	PTA 210		Neuro Rehabilitation	4
	PTA 219		Rehab Lab	1
	PTA 211		Clinical Education I	4
Total Credits for Fall Semester, Year 4				15
SPRING/YR 4	PTA 209		General Rehab	3
	PTA 212		Clinical Education II	4
	PTA 213		Clinical Education III	5
	PTA 214		Professional Issues Seminar	2
Total Credits for Spring Semester, Year 4				14
				Total Credit Hours: 123-126*

*Total credits completed will vary based on selection of a specific focus for electives (see next page).

REACH Categories: **R – Reason and Faith**; E – Expression and Creativity; **A – Analytical Thought**; C - Contexts and Systems;
H – Humans in Connection.

Course/credit breakdown:

MAJOR (52)

PTA 101/104
PTA 103
PTA 200/204
PTA 205
PTA 206/216
PTA 207/217
PTA 208/218

PTA 209/219
PTA 210
PTA 211
PTA 212
PTA 213
PTA 214

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED CORE (58)

BTG 300 (1 credit)
BIO 120/121
BIO 240/241 or 334/335
BIO 250/251 or 344/345
COM 102
COM 310
COMP 120
ETH 400
REACH from R (2); E (2 with one being ENG); C (2)

IMU 101
SCI 102
SCI 200
SOC 108 OR PSYC 101
SOC 204 (H)
PUBH 276
STAT 120

Additional open electives to meet 121 minimum credits for graduation = 11 credits minimum

Focused elective recommendations:

Management focus:

ECON 106 (C)	HRMG345
MGMT 120	PUBH 109
MGMT 226	PUBH 205
HRMG 206	

Science focus:

BIO 275	PSYC 211
CHEM 121/122 and 131/132	PSYC 231
PHYS 101/103 and 102/106	PSYC 252
BIO 200/201 required for some DPT programs	