

University of Indianapolis – *College of Health Sciences*  
**2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Physical Therapist Assistant  
 Associate in Science (AS)**

Matriculation in the PTA program can be full-time or part-time. Most PTA courses (see exceptions on page 3) meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:15 PM. Admission to the PTA program is competitive – based on recommendation letters, applicant profile, prior coursework, GPA, observation hours, and a personal interview. Students must earn a C or better in all technical and support courses to be eligible to graduate. Mathematics competency is required for technical PTA and science support courses.

**The PTA program application must be submitted by January 31st for fall (Semester I) priority consideration.**

**PART-TIME OPTION** is for individuals with a bachelor's degree or prior college coursework. Complete any or all of the support courses before entering the PTA program. Students taking courses before program admission are requested to declare a concentration of Pre-PTA to be assigned to the correct advisor. Upon admission to the program, remaining support courses will be taken per the Full-Time Option (next page).

**Support Courses (24 hours)**

- **BIOL 103** Principles of Human Anatomy (4) [or BIOL 240 or 305]
- **BIOL 104** Principles of Human Physiology (4)+ [or BIOL 330]
- **ENGL 101** Intro to College Writing (3)+
- **HSCI 120** Health Care Terminology (2) [or BIOL 200]
- **INTD 101** New Student Experience (1) [or any course from New Student Experience Core]+
- **PHYS 103** Introduction to Physics (4) [or PHYS 150 or 153]
- **Psych/Sociology** Social Sciences Core course+, most PSY courses, or any *GERO* course (3)
- **Elective Core** Elective Core credits (3)+

**Technical Courses (39 hours)** – Courses must be taken in the sequence listed below and require program admission

**First Year, Semester I (6.5 hours)**

- **PTA 203** Clinical Leadership I (1.5)
- **PTA 205** Patient Care Orientation (1.5)
- **PTA 207** Clinical Rehabilitation I (3.5)

**First Year, Semester II (6.0 hours)**

- **PTA 224** Rehabilitative Agents I (1)
- **PTA 226** Clinical Rehabilitation II (4)
- **PTA 233** Clinical Leadership II (1)

**First Year, Summer Semester (6.0 hours)**

- **PTA 223** Medical & Integumentary Rehabilitation (5 wks immediately after Sem. II) (2.5)
- **PTA 290** Preparation for Clinical Education (1)
- **PTA 291** Clinical Education I (5 consecutive wks June to August, in clinic **full-time**) (2.5)

**Second Year, Semester I (6.5 hours)**

- **PTA 206** Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (1.5)
- **PTA 243** Clinical Leadership III (1)
- **PTA 244** Rehabilitative Agents II (1.5)
- **PTA 246** Clinical Rehabilitation III (2.5)

**Second Year, Semester II (6.5 hours)**

- **PTA 263** Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (3.5)
- **PTA 264** Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation (3)

**Second Year, Summer Semester** (7.5 hours) – Weeks 1 & 15 are daytime on campus; weeks 2-14 in clinic **full-time**

- PTA 275 Preparation for Entry-Level Practice (immediately after Semester II) (1)
- PTA 292 Clinical Education II (weeks 2-7) (3)
- PTA 293 Clinical Education III (weeks 8-14) (3.5)

**Total Required for Program Completion:** 62 (63 credit hours if entering with less than 12 approved credit hours)

**FULL-TIME OPTION** is for incoming Freshmen or individuals with limited prior college coursework  
Support courses must be taken during or before the semester listed in the curriculum.

*Some students also complete the Certificate in Aging Studies*

**First Year, Semester I** (15.5 hours)

- PTA 203 Clinical Leadership I (1.5)
- PTA 205 Patient Care Orientation (1.5)
- PTA 207 Clinical Rehabilitation I (3.5)
- BIOL 103 Principles of Human Anatomy (4) [or BIOL 240 or 305]
- INTD 101 New Student Experience (1) [any New Student Experience Core]+
- PHYS 103 Introduction to Physics (4) [or PHYS 150 or 153]

**First Year, Semester II** (15.0 hours)

- PTA 224 Rehabilitative Agents I (1)
- PTA 226 Clinical Rehabilitation II (4)
- PTA 233 Clinical Leadership II (1)
- BIOL 104 Principles of Human Physiology (4)+ [or BIOL 330]
- ENGL 101 Intro to College Writing (3)+
- HSCI 120 Health Care Terminology (2) [or BIOL 200]

**First Year, Summer Semester** (6 hours - if completing Certificate in Aging Studies, 9 hours)

- PTA 223 Medical & Integumentary Rehabilitation (5 wks immediately after Sem. II) (2.5)
- PTA 290 Preparation for Clinical Education (1)
- PTA 291 Clinical Education I (5 consecutive wks June to August, in clinic **full-time**) (2.5)
- GERO 320 *Psychology of Aging* (3)

**Second Year, Semester I** (9.5 hours - if completing Certificate in Aging Studies, 12.5 hours)

- PTA 206 Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (1.5)
- PTA 243 Clinical Leadership III (1)
- PTA 244 Rehabilitative Agents II (1.5)
- PTA 246 Clinical Rehabilitation III (2.5)
- Psych/Sociology Social Sciences Core course+, most PSY courses, or any GERO course (3) **OR**
- GERO 301 *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Aging* (3)+
- GERO 305 *Physical Dimensions of Aging* (3)

**Second Year, Semester II** (9.5 hours - if completing Certificate in Aging Studies, 12.5 hours)

- PTA 263 Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (3.5)
- PTA 264 Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation (3)
- Elective Core Elective Core credits (3)+
- GERO 310 *Aging in Society and Community* (3)

**Second Year, Summer Semester** (7.5 hours) - Weeks 1 & 15 are daytime on campus; weeks 2-14 in clinic **full-time**

- **PTA 275** Preparation for Entry-Level Practice (immediately after Semester II) (1)
- **PTA 292** Clinical Education II (weeks 2-7) (3)
- **PTA 293** Clinical Education III (weeks 8-14) (3.5)

**Total Required for Program Completion:** 63 hours – *if completing Certificate in Aging Studies, 75 hours*

\* Completion of a New Student Experience course is only required for students starting the PTA program with less than 12 semester credits. NSE is highly recommended for all students entering college directly from high school, even if they have 12 or more dual college credit hours from high school studies. If a student already has more than 12 credits, then the student may substitute another course from the General Education Core.

+ Per the University Catalog, students must complete a minimum of 14 hours from the University General Education Core to graduate with an AS degree. The PTA program support coursework has up to 14 hours in the Core. Some of the support courses that may be substituted do not meet the Core requirements. Students are still responsible for completing 14 hours of Core courses to graduate if they choose to substitute support courses.

**Requirements for Application to the PTA Program** – *January 31<sup>st</sup> submission for Semester I priority consideration*

- Admission to the University of Indianapolis
- Completion of the PTA application (found on the UIndy PTA program website)
- At least 10 hours of observation, volunteer, or work experience with a PT or PTA in physical therapy settings and/or providers/companies
- **Cumulative grade point average (GPA)  $\geq$  2.6**
  - Official transcripts are required for all institutions to determine cumulative GPA.
  - **For students with less than 12 college credits, high school GPA will be used and must be  $\geq$  3.0.**
  - For students with 12 or more college credits completed, cumulative GPA (all institutions) will be used.
    - Students with low cumulative GPA may qualify for the PTA program's Academic Bankruptcy policy:
      - Applicant must complete the Academic Bankruptcy Petition (see UIndy PTA website).
      - At least 3 years must have elapsed from the end of the semester for which bankruptcy is requested.
      - Applicant must have a minimum of 12 college credits that are not bankrupted to calculate GPA.

**Requirement for Matriculation in the PTA Program**

- Completion of a personal interview with faculty and/or PT/PTA (only top applicants are offered an interview).
- Received official offer of admission to the PTA program.
- Confirmed intent to matriculate in the PTA program by the due date in the offer letter.
- Completion of all requirements (by due dates) in all admissions letters sent during March through August
  - Positive result on a drug test or background check will require the student to meet with the Dean of the College of Health Sciences and might revoke the office of admission, depending on the nature of the offense.
- English and Math proficiency through ENGL 100 and MATH 105 (by coursework or testing at UIndy).
- Applicants in which English is their 2<sup>nd</sup> language must score a 61 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test.
- Attendance at mandatory PTA Orientation session (unless granted an exception by PTA Program Director).

**Requirement for Continuing in the PTA Program**

- Students must earn a C or better in all technical and support courses.
- Students must maintain a cumulative and semester GPA  $\geq$  2.5 in support and technical courses.
- Students must follow policies outlined in the KSPT Student Handbook and Clinical Education Handbook.



**NOTE:**

- PTA courses have a small hybrid component and meet during the evening, except for PTA 275, 290, 291, 292, and 293, which are daytime. Support courses may require attendance in day and/or evening courses.
- Many students concurrently complete a bachelor's degree program and/or Undergraduate Certificate in Aging Studies. If interested, these students may have a slightly modified program of study.
- PTA Program Director may grant substitutions in the curriculum in rare and exceptional circumstances only.
- *Transfer students:* As BIOL 103 and 104 are 8 total hours and required support courses, students are required to have 8 hours in anatomy and physiology to graduate from the PTA program. Students transferring anatomy and physiology are required to complete 8 total hours in anatomy and physiology to graduate. (For example, if a student transfers 6 total hours in anatomy and physiology courses, the student will be required to complete a minimum of 2 more hours of anatomy and/or physiology to graduate.)

**REMEMBER:**

- Admission information for the PTA program: [pt@uindy.edu](mailto:pt@uindy.edu)
- Courses and requirements sometimes change, so keep in contact with your advisor.
- *When concurrently seeking a bachelor's degree,* contact that degree's advisor with all concerns about that degree and your registration code. PTA and Pre-PTA advisors may not be able to advise you on your bachelor's degree coursework, nor approve you for that degree's course registration.