

*University of Indianapolis – College of Education and Behavioral Sci. & College of Health*  
**2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Psychology (PSYC) and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)**  
 Associates in Science & Bachelor of Arts/Science

Advantages of this combined Psychology/PTA curriculum:

- Improves the student's understanding of their patient/client's psyche and the impact it has on the patient/client's interactions with the environment and the implications for the provision of healthcare/
- If a student is interested in a management position: Most positions require an earned bachelor's degree.

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

Students should apply to the PTA program in the fall of their first or second year to complete both degrees in four years. Admission to the PTA program is competitive – based on recommendation letters, applicant profile, prior coursework, GPA, observation hours, and a personal interview. Most PTA courses (see exceptions on page 2) meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:15 PM.

**INTEGRATED CURRICULUM** (Example with degree completion in 3 years)

- Approximate total credits required for completion of both degrees: 133 hours
- Students may also choose to complete the curriculum in four years by taking about 15 credits per semester.

**First Year, Semester I (17 hours)**

- **BIOL 103** Principles of Human Anatomy (4) +
- **ENGL 101** Intro to College Writing (3) +
- **FYS XXX** First-Year Seminar 110, 120, 140, 150, 160, 170, 171, 172, 180, 181, or 182 (3) \*
- **GenEd XXX** General Education Course (3)
- **INTD 101** New Student Experience (1) [or any course from New Student Experience Core] +
- **PSY 124** Foundations of Psychological Sciences I – Methods (3)

**First Year, Semester II (17 hours)**

- **BIOL 104** Principles of Human Physiology (4) +  
EXSC & Natural Sciences Core requirement
- **GenEd XXX** General Education Courses (9)
- **PSY 125** Foundations of Psychological Science II – Statistics (3)  
[pre-req MATH 105 or placement test for MATH 108 or 150 or higher]
- **PSY 165** Career and Educational Pathways for Psychology Majors (1)

**First Year, Summer Semester (13 hours)**

- **GenEd XXX** General Education Course (7)
- **HSCI 120** Health Care Terminology (2) [or BIOL 200] +
- **MATH 150/180** Finite Mathematics **OR** College Algebra and Trigonometry (4)  
Math Core requirement

**Second Year, Semester I (17.5 hours)**

- **KINS 101** Wellness/Fitness for a Lifetime (1) [or any course from Wellness Core]
- **PHYS 103** Introduction to Physics (4) [or PHYS 150] +
- **PSY 215** Social Psychology (3)
- **PSY 230** Brain and Behavior (3)
- **PTA 203** Clinical Leadership I (1.5) +
- **PTA 205** Patient Care Orientation (1.5) +
- **PTA 207** Clinical Rehabilitation I (3.5) +

**Second Year, Semester II (16.5 hours)**

- GenEd XXX General Education Courses (4)
- PSY 235 Cognitive Psychology (3)
- PSY 245 Lifespan Development (3)
- PTA 224 Rehabilitative Agents I (1) +
- PTA 226 Clinical Rehabilitation II (4) +
- PTA 233 Clinical Leadership II (1) +

**Second Year, Summer Semester (14 hours)**

- GenEd XXX General Education Course (8)
- PTA 223 Medical & Integumentary Rehabilitation (5 weeks immediately after Sem. II) (2.5)
- PTA 290 Preparation for Clinical Education (1) +
- PTA 291 Clinical Education I (5 consecutive weeks June to August, in clinic full-time) (2.5) +

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

- PSY 400 Writing and Professional Development in Psychology (3)  
PSYC & Writing and Speaking Across the Curriculum Core Requirement
- PSY ELEC Psychology Elective Course (3)
- PSY READ Psychology Readings Course (3)
- 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) +

**Third Year, Semester II (15.5 hours)**

- PSY READ Psychology Readings Course (3)
- PSY 476 Capstone in Psychological Sciences (3)
- PSY ELEC Psychology Elective Course (3)
- PTA 263 Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (3.5) +
- PTA 264 Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation (3) +

**Third 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) +

+Exceptions: for the PTA major, these courses are required for degree completion. PTA courses have a small hybrid component and meet during the evening, except for PTA 275, 290, 291, 292, and 293, which are daytime.

**PSYCHOLOGY READINGS** (Complete two courses.)

- PSY 315 Readings in Diversity (3)
- PSY 335 Readings in Cognition and Emotion (3)
- PSY 340 Readings in Biological Bases of Behavior (3)
- PSY 370 Readings in Advanced Topics (3)
- PSY 385 Readings in Human Development (3)
- PSY 395 Readings in Clinical Psychology (3)

**PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES** (At least 6 hours.)

- PSY 460 Research Practicum (2) May be taken up to four times.
- PSY 499 Internship in Psychology (2)
- PSY 3XX/4XX Any 300- or 400-level course not counting toward the major or concentration (3)
- PSY XXX Any PSY elective course not counting toward the major or concentration (3)

## GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE

These areas of the general education core are not fulfilled by a dedicated course in the PSYC or PTA majors. Students may be able to take fewer credits if they have AP credits or test out of one or more of these courses.

- Communication – 1 course
- Arts (2 minimum hours)
- Global Awareness & Experience Cultural Differences – 1 course
- History – 1 course
- Literature – 1 course
- Modern Language – 1 course
- Philosophy & Ethics – 1 course
- Religion – 1 course
- Social Science – 1 course

\*Taking FYS 110, 120, 140, 150, 160, 170, 171, 172, 180, 181, or 182 will also meet one of the above general education requirements. Taking FYS 100 or 130 will likely result in the student needing to take an additional course to complete both degrees.

**NOTE:** Students completing the PSYC/PTA curriculum do not need to take ST 299 or INTD 201/202 due to the number of credit hours required to complete both majors.

## PTA PROGRAM INFORMATION

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 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 results 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 offer 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 2nd language must score a 61 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test.
- Attendance at the mandatory PTA Orientation session (unless granted an exception by PTA Program Director).

### **Requirements 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:**

- With the PSYC major, a grade of C- or higher is required for all major courses to graduate.
- 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 for all concerns with that degree and for 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.