

# 2026 Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program Resource Page

Program begins every fall (August) in Middletown | October 1<sup>st</sup> application opens - February 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline

**\*Students are placed into the AS Liberal Arts program until accepted into the AAS PTA Program (see reverse) \***

**\*Please note, the four-semester sequence for PTA will include Intermediate Algebra or Statistics & Oral Communication\***

## Academic Requirements

- English pre-requisite:** Eligible to take ENG 101, Freshman English I
- Math pre-requisite:** Eligible to take MAT 102 or completed MAT 102 – Intermediate Algebra or MAT 120 – Statistics with a “C” or higher.
- Biology pre-requisite:** Completion of at least one of the following within 5 years of the application deadline: BIO110; BIO 101 **AND** BIO 102; BIO 111; or BIO 112; with a grade of “C” or higher; AP Biology (score of 3, 4, or 5); a passing grade on the Biology CLEP exam or completion of the BIO 110 challenge exam.. For Fall 2026 applicants, the biology pre-requisite must have been completed after February 1, 2021.
- Minimum program GPA of 2.00** within non-clinical program courses (outlined below).

## Department Requirements

- Observations:** Submit Physical Therapist Assistant Observation Form with essay (48 hour minimum with documentation) completed within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, observations must be completed after February 1, 2023.
- Pre-Admission Seminar & Questionnaire:** Complete the online pre-admission seminar & questionnaire within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, the seminar must have been attended after February 1, 2023.

## Application Requirements

- Submit a Health Profession Application:** [https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health\\_professions/index.html](https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html)  
\*\*Please note that this application can serve as a general application to the College as well as the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Students who are not already attending SUNY Orange are initially accepted with an AS Liberal Arts major until they are accepted into the AAS Physical Therapist Assistant Program.
- Submit official high school transcript or GED with score report**
- Submit all official college transcripts** (if applicable)

**All of the above requirements must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by February 1, 2026 in order to be considered for acceptance into the program for the fall 2026 semester.**

## Non-Clinical Program Courses

Though not required to be eligible to apply for the program, the courses below (20 credits) are required as part of the Physical Therapist Assistant Degree and completing them prior to applying for the program will strengthen your application. Please be aware that if you have not taken a course within its designated timeframe, you must retake it in order for it to be considered in the review of your application. Only courses completed with a grade of C or better as of the application deadline will be considered. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit	Semester	Year	Grade
ENG 101	Freshman English I	3			
ENG 102	Freshman English II	3			
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3			
PSY 220*	Developmental Psychology*	3			
BIO 111*	Anatomy & Physiology 1*	4			
BIO 112*	Anatomy & Physiology 2*	4			

**\*Must have been completed within 5 years of application deadline (after February 1, 2021)**

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## Selection Process

- All non-clinical program courses listed above with a grade of C or better will be included in the program GPA calculation and credit review. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.
- Applicants will be considered based on the completion of all academic, department, and application requirements, the the total number of non-clinical program credits completed (see table above), program GPA and science GPA. For Physical Therapist Assistant, the following courses will be calculated in the science GPA: BIO 111 and BIO 112.
- For complete information on health profession program requirements, including a breakdown of how points are calculated, visit: [https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health\\_professions/index.html](https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html)

## A.A.S Physical Therapist Assistant Degree

The courses listed below in *italics* are the same non-clinical program courses listed in the table at the bottom of page one of this document. Due to the competitive nature of this program, some or all of these non-clinical program courses may be completed before applying to the Physical Therapy Assistant Program. Once accepted to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, all clinical courses (PED 226+ all PTA courses) must be completed in two years as outlined below.

<u>First Semester - Fall</u>			<u>Third Semester - Fall</u>		
ENG 101	<i>Freshman English I</i>	3 cr.	PSY 111	<i>Introduction to Psychology</i>	3 cr.
BIO 111	<i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology 1</i>	4 cr.	PTA 201	PTA 3	3 cr.
PTA 101	PTA 101	4 cr.	PTA 205	Clinical Education I	4 cr.
PTA 103	Intro to Physical Therapy	2 cr.	PTA 207	Test & Measurements Skills for PTA	3 cr.
PTA 105	Medical Cond. For PTA	3 cr.	MAT 102, MAT 120 or higher	Intermediate Algebra, Statistics or higher	3 cr.
COM 100	Oral Communication	1 cr.			
<u>Second Semester - Spring</u>			<u>Fourth Semester - Spring</u>		
ENG 102	<i>Freshman English II</i>	3 cr.	PSY 220	<i>Developmental Psychology</i>	3 cr.
BIO 112	<i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology 2</i>	4 cr.	PTA 202	PTA 4	4 cr.
PTA 102	PTA 2	4 cr.	PTA 206	Clinical Education II	3 cr.
PTA 104	Kinesiology	4 cr.	PTA 208	Contemp. Practice for PTA	3 cr.
PED 226	Theory & Application of Exercise Theory	3 cr.			
			<u>Fifth Semester - Summer Clinical</u>		
			PTA 220	Clinical Education 3	3 cr.

**Total Credits: 68**