

Degree Map: A.A.S. Physical Therapist Assistant

Degree Information

Catalog Year: **2026 - 2027**Plan: **Physical Therapist Assistant AAS**Sub Plan: **None**Required Credits: **68**Program Admittance: **SPRING Semester ONLY**

General Requirements

Req GPA*: **2.80** *see Admission & Retention CriteriaReq Residential Credits: **30**Req Pathways Credits: **23**Req Civic Engagement: **1**Req Writing Intensive: **1**

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Session A		Session A		Session A		Session A	
COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS
ENG 1200 ¹	3	PTA 100 ²	3	PTA 400 ²	5	ENG 2400	3
BIO 1100 ¹	4	PTA 200 ²	3	PTA 500 ²	5	PTA 700 ²	4
PSY 1100 ¹	3	PTA 1000 ²	4	BIO 1200 ²	4	PTA 800 ²	5
MAT 2010 ¹ or MAT 2080 ¹ or MAT 2000 ¹	3	PTA 2000 ²	3			PTA 2500 ²	3
Session B		Session B		Session B		Session B	
COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS	COURSE	CRS
SPE 2100	3	PTA 300 ²	3	PTA 600 ²	3	PTA 900 ²	3
		Elective	1				

NOTE: The term-by-term course sequence takes into account necessary Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Pre-/Co-requisites

NOTE: Select ONE (1) WRITING INTENSIVE course & ONE (1) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT course. Some courses meet BOTH requirements, see CUNYfirst to determine course status

SEMESTER CRS: 16

SEMESTER CRS: 17

SEMESTER CRS: 17

SEMESTER CRS: 18

CAREER AND TRANSFER MILESTONES

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CAREER & TRANSFER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES	Done	CAREER & TRANSFER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES	Done	CAREER & TRANSFER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES	Done	CAREER & TRANSFER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES	Done
<u>Claim your Handshake Account (Kingsborough)</u>		<u>Create your LinkedIn profile</u>		<u>Career Planning - Join Professional Organization - American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) [Student Membership]</u>		<u>Career Planning - Join Professional Organization - American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) [Full Membership upon graduation]</u>	
<u>Join Student Club, Student Government Association (SGA) or groups relevant to career choice/pathway to build your network and skills.</u>		<u>Attend a Professional/Networking Event Outside of KCC - American Physical Therapist Association (APTA) Chapter Meeting</u>		<u>Attend a Professional/Networking Event Outside of KCC - American Physical Therapist Association (APTA) Chapter Meeting</u>		Attend Collaborative Clinical/Informational Session with College of Staten Island.	
<u>Research and explore desired career pathway via career coach. Including researching Baccalaureate Programs and Complete a Transfer Plan (if applicable).</u>		Draft a Basic Cover Letter with assistance from the Career Center.		With PTA Faculty assistance students update LinkedIn profile to facilitate professional intercommunication		Attend Professional Full-day National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) review with PTA Faculty .	
Draft Basic Resume with assistance from the Career Center.		Attend Transfer Events (if applicable).		Planning for References (Job & Transfer) - Secure PTA Faculty Mentor(s) who are aware of your interests, abilities, skills and work habits and obtain letters of recommendation.		Attend PTA Program sponsored Industry Professional lecture(s) to explore educational pathways, employment trends, and professional growth opportunities within local health agencies.	
Develop a meaningful professional relationship with a licensed Physical Therapist that results in a strong, experienced letter of recommendation.				Find a Mentor to Check in with Periodically: Establish a relationship with someone who can provide guidance and advice related to your career goals.		Take advantage of events offered by campus Career and Professional Development offices to perfect your job search and sharpen your interview and employability skills. Update your LinkedIn profile and resume with new certifications, experiences, and skills.	
Engage with PTA faculty to assess readiness and proactively align academic preparation with long-term career goals in physical therapy.		Volunteer at rehabilitation centers, community wellness programs, or adaptive sports events to strengthen patient interaction and empathy skills.		Participate in physical therapy observation opportunities in different clinical settings to strengthen professionalism and industry awareness.			
Prepare for and successfully complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) as part of demonstrating readiness for a rigorous healthcare training pathway.				Start the transfer process to a Baccalaureate program (if applicable).		Accept your offer to Enroll in a Baccalaureate program (if applicable).	
Earn Basic Life Support (BLS) certification through the American Heart Association to build essential patient care and emergency response skills.				Start Your Internship Search: Begin looking for and applying for CUNY-wide, college-specific, and external internship opportunities relevant to your major.		Complete CUNY Cap and Gown Survey	
Complete all required health clearances and background checks to ensure eligibility for clinical placements and professional practice settings.							

NOTE: Explore the highlighted Milestones by following the link to the Career-Infused Degree Map web page or relevant linked page

Important Notes:

¹ These four (4) courses must be completed with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.80.² Students MUST earn a minimum grade of "C" in the course