



**Full-Time Pathway to Success**

School of Health

<https://www.gtc.edu/physical-therapist-assistant>

**Physical Therapist Assistant (10-524-1)**

Associate of Applied Science

**Effective 2025/2026**

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.

All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.

Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

**K-D = Kenosha/days, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer**

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	K-D
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		F/S/SU
1	*806-177	4	General Anatomy & Physiology <sup>6,7</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	F/S/SU
1	801-136	3	English Composition <sup>1,2,6,7</sup>	Prereq: 831-103 OR 851-757	F/S/SU
1	801-196	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication <sup>8</sup>		F/S/SU
1	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to <sup>2,6,8</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	F/S/SU
2	*524-156	4	PTA Applied Kinesiology <sup>1,3</sup>	Prereq: Instructor Consent; 801-136	F
2	*524-139	4	PTA Patient Interventions <sup>3,6</sup>	Prereq: Instructor Consent	F
2	*524-140	2	PTA Professional Issues <sup>1,3,6</sup>	Prereq: Instructor Consent	F
2	*524-143	4	PTA Biophysical Agents <sup>3,6</sup>	Prereq: Instructor Consent Coreq: 524-139	F
3	*524-157	3	PTA Applied Kinesiology 2	Prereq: 524-156	S
3	*524-147	2	PTA Clinical Practice <sup>1,5,6</sup>	Coreq: 524-143; 524-157	S
3	*524-142	3	PTA Therapeutic Exerc.	Prereq: 806-177; Coreq: 524-156	S
3	*524-145	4	PTA Principles of Musculoskeletal Rehab.	Prereq: 524-139; Coreq: 524-142; 524-157	S
4	*524-144	4	PTA Princ of Neuro Rehab.	Prereq: 524-139; 524-142; 524-157	F
4	*524-146	3	PTA Cardio & Integ Mgmt <sup>6</sup>	Prereq: 524-139; 524-142; 524-157	F
4	*524-148	3	PTA Clinical Practice <sup>2,5,6</sup>	Prereq: 524-147	F
4	809-188	3	Psychology, Developmental <sup>2,6,8</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	F
5	*524-149	2	PTA Rehabilitation Across the Lifespan	Prereq: 524-144; 524-145; 524-148 Coreq: 524-146	S
5	*524-150	2	PTA Professional Issues 2	Prereq: 524-140; Coreq: 524-148	S
5	*524-151	5	PTA Clinical Practice <sup>3,5</sup>	Prereq: 524-144; 524-145; 524-146; 524-148	S
5	809-172	3	Diversity Studies, Introduction to <sup>2,8</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	S

**Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 65**

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the back of the sheet.

Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.

= Milestone Course. Faculty have identified this course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.

(\*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.

## Physical Therapist Assistant (10-524-1)

*Physical Therapist Assistant* is a health profession with the primary purpose of promoting optimal human health and function through the application of scientific principles to prevent, identify, assess, correct, or alleviate acute or prolonged movement dysfunction. The physical therapist assistant (PTA) is a technical health care worker who carries out many patient treatments under the supervision of a physical therapist. PTAs find employment in clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, home care agencies, schools, private health and fitness centers, and other settings.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate clear and collaborative communication with patients, families, and health care team.
2. Exhibit behaviors and conduct that reflect respect and sensitivity according to PT practice standards.
3. Function under the supervision of a physical therapist in a safe, legal, professional, and ethical manner to ensure the safety of patient, self and others throughout the clinical interaction.
4. Produce documentation to support the delivery physical therapy services.
5. Demonstrate critical thinking skills to implement and modify treatment within a plan of care under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.
6. Perform data collection essential for carrying out the plan of care under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.
7. Perform technically competent, evidence based physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.
8. Educate patients, families, and other health providers.
9. Integrate components of operational and fiscal practices of physical therapy service in a variety of settings.
10. Implement a self-directed plan for career development, credentialing, and lifelong learning.

### Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

### Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
2. Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
3. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.

### Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 65 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- \*Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

### Notes

1. This program may require additional fee(s) for: Criminal background Check, Medical Document Manager, and/or Drug Testing.
2. Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
3. This is a high demand program that uses a waitlist process for enrollment in core program courses. Students are selected based on application date, completion of academic preparedness requirements and district residency.
4. CPR certification must be obtained and maintained. See advisor for specific requirements.
5. The grading system for the following courses will be pass/fail: 524-147 PTA Clinical Practice 1, 524-148 PTA Clinical Practice 2, and 524-151 PTA Clinical Practice 3.
6. A credit for prior learning assessment is available for this course. For more information, please contact [cfpl@gtc.edu](mailto:cfpl@gtc.edu).
7. This course is an academic preparedness requirement that must be completed prior to core program coursework.
8. Students may take this course while on the waiting list for core program courses.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.