

Physical Therapist Assistant (10-524-1)

Associate of Applied Science

Effective 2026/2027

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.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at <https://www.gtc.edu/physical-therapist-assistant>. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

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

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/coreq-with)	Notes	K-D
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details. 	F/S/SU
1	*806-177	4	General Anatomy & Physiology	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. This course is an academic preparedness requirement that must be completed prior to core program coursework. 	F/S/SU
1	801-136	3	English Composition 1	Prereq: 831-103 OR 851-757	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details. This course is an academic preparedness requirement that must be completed prior to core program coursework. 	F/S/SU
1	801-196	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may take this course while on the waiting list for core program courses. 	F/S/SU
1	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details. Students may take this course while on the waiting list for core program courses. 	F/S/SU
2	*524-156	4	PTA Applied Kinesiology 1	Prereq: Instructor Consent; 801-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. 	F
2	*524-139	4	PTA Patient Interventions	Prereq: Instructor Consent		F
2	*524-140	2	PTA Professional Issues 1	Prereq: Instructor Consent		F
2	*524-143	4	PTA Biophysical Agents	Prereq: Instructor Consent Coreq: 524-139		F

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3	*524-157	3	PTA Applied Kinesiology 2	Prereq: 524-156		S
3	*524-147	2	PTA Clinical Practice 1	Coreq: 524-143; 524-157	• The grading system for this course will be pass/fail.	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	Prereq: 524-139; 524-142; 524-157		F
4	*524-148	3	PTA Clinical Practice 2	Prereq: 524-147	• The grading system for this course will be pass/fail.	F
4	809-188	3	Psychology, Developmental	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details. • Students may take this course while on the waiting list for core program courses.	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 3	Prereq: 524-144; 524-145; 524-146; 524-148	• The grading system for this course will be pass/fail.	S
5	809-172	3	Diversity Studies, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details. • Students may take this course while on the waiting list for core program courses.	S
Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 65						

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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 Function under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in a safe, legal, ethical manner consistent with professional standards and values to ensure the safety of patients, self, and others.
- 2 Demonstrate clear and collaborative communication with patients, families, and health care team.
- 3 Exhibit behaviors and conduct that optimize inclusive, equitable patient care and patient care environments in alignment with physical therapy practice standards.
- 4 Produce documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services.
- 5 Demonstrate critical decision making 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-informed physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.
- 8 Educate patients, families, and other health providers incorporating cultural humility and social determinants of health.
- 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, service and leadership skills, and lifelong learning in an ever-changing health care environment.

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:

- 1 Communication Competence
- 2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 3 Professionalism and Career Management
- 4 Teamwork and Collaboration
- 5 Cultural Competence
- 6 Technology Competence

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.

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 Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.
- 4 This is a high demand program that utilizes a [priority placement](#) process for enrollment in core program courses. Students admitted into this program progress through three stages pre-core, core-ready and core-active as they work to complete their degree. Students are selected based on application date, completion of academic preparedness requirements and district residency. Academic preparedness requirements may include a Background Information Disclosure Form and Criminal Background Check.

Graduation Requirements

- 1 Minimum 65 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- 2 *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- 3 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 CPR certification must be obtained and maintained. See advisor for specific requirements.
- 3 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.

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