Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis  
McHenry County College– AAS Physical Therapy Assistant

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

### AAS Physical Therapy Assistant: MCC program requirements and applicability toward NIU general education and/or major requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences

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<th>MCC required course</th>
<th>NIU Articulation</th>
<th>NIU Requirement satisfied</th>
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<tr>
<td>AOM 135 (3)</td>
<td>★ HSCI 318-Medical Terminology</td>
<td>Major and DPT PRQ</td>
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<td>BIO 157 (4)</td>
<td>★ BIOS 208 &amp; 210- Fundamentals of Cellular Biology and Lab</td>
<td>GE-Nature &amp; Technology DPT PRQ</td>
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<td>BIO 263 (4) &amp; 264 (4)</td>
<td>★ BIOS 357- Anatomy &amp; Physiology</td>
<td>Hours towards 120 DPT PRQ</td>
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<td>ENG 151 (3)</td>
<td>ENGL 103 – Rhetoric and Composition I</td>
<td>GE Foundational Studies</td>
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<td>HCE 111 (3)</td>
<td>N/C</td>
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<td>Humanities or Fine Arts (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151,155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151</td>
<td>Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement</td>
<td>GE Creativity &amp; Critical Analysis</td>
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<td>PSY151 (3)</td>
<td>★ PSYC 102-Introduction to Psychology</td>
<td>GE Society &amp; Culture Major and DPT PRQ</td>
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<td>SPE 151 (3)</td>
<td>COMS 100- Oral Communication</td>
<td>GE Foundational Studies</td>
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<td>PTA courses</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>N/C-UHHS proficiency credit</td>
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(30 credits)

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### Additional MCC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major requirements:

- **ENG 152 (3)**
- **ENGL 203 – Rhetoric and Composition II**
- **GE Foundational Studies & Major**
- **Humanities (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151,155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151**
- **Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement**
- **MAT 120 (3)**
- **STAT 208 – Statistics**
- **GE Foundational Studies/Major and DPT PRQ**
- **Math or Science (3): choose CHM 165**
- **CHEM 210 & CHEM 212 General Chemistry I**
- **GE Nature & Technology DPT PRQ**
- **PSY 250 (3)**
- **HDFS 280-Human Development**
- **GE Society & Culture/Major DPT PRQ**

**Note:** Additional MCC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major requirements can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses. (15 credit hours)

### Proficiency Credits

- **AAS Physical Therapy graduates who take all courses exactly as listed above will have 82 credits of MCC course work of which only 66 academic credits are applicable to 120 hours required for NIU degree. UHHS 200 and/or 300 proficiency credits will be awarded to offset this loss of hours. For MCC students with a different combination of classes, proficiency credits will be determined at time of admission to the B.S. in Health Sciences, degree completion emphasis.**
- **AAS Physical Therapist Assistant graduates with current license & eligible to practice maximum proficiency credit allowed**
- **UHHS 300 (30) – Experiences in HHS I**
- **Hours toward 120 credits required for degree**

(30 credits)

### Major courses to be taken through NIU

- **NIU Course Number**
- **NIU Course Title**
- **GERO 365 (3)** Overview of Gerontology
- **HSCI 310 (3)** Introduction to HHS
- **HSCI 350 (3)** Critical Thinking for HHS Professions
- **HSCI 410 (3)** Legal & Ethical Issues
- **HSCI 430 (3)** Working with Diverse Populations in HHS
- **HSCI 450 (3)** Administration for Professionals in HHS
- **HSCI 455 (3)** Resource Allocation in HHS
- **HSCI 460 (3)** ★Introduction to Research in HHS, DPT PRQ
- **HSCI 490 (1)** Capstone in Health Sciences
- **PHHE 295 or approved elective (3)** Introduction to Public Health (students interested in meeting DPT PRQs sub ★AHPT 405)
- **REHB 200 (3)** Disability in Society

(31 credit hours)
Electives for 120 hours required for graduation including additional DPT PRQs to be fulfilled: NIU or possibly MCC

(23 credit hours)

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<th>Electives to meet minimum required hours at NIU can be selected by student and taken at NIU or MCC. For students wishing to meet DPT PRQs, the following courses (NIU or community college equivalent) should be completed:</th>
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<td>BIO 158 (4)</td>
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<td>CHEM 166 (4)</td>
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<td>PHY 280 (4)</td>
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<td>PHY 281 (4)</td>
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<td>PSY 275 (3)</td>
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DPT PRQ & credit hours toward 120 needed for graduation.

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**Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program**

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student — refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission:  [http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml)
- Completed AAS in Physical Therapy Assistant and current license
- Submit application for the B.S. in Health Sciences – degree completion emphasis, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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**Academic Advising**

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with the NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

**Note:** The articulation plan is designed to prepare MCC AAS-in Physical Therapy Assistant graduates to complete a baccalaureate degree and to meet the course work requirements for application to the NIU DPT. Admission to the DPT is highly competitive and limited and admission is not guaranteed. Interested students should review the NIU DPT admission requirements: [http://www.chhs.niu.edu/physical_therapy/about/dpt/index.shtml](http://www.chhs.niu.edu/physical_therapy/about/dpt/index.shtml)

**Admission requirements for other DPT programs may vary.**

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