



**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis
McHenry County College– AAS Physical Therapy Assistant¹**

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	MCC required course	NIU Articulation	NIU Requirement satisfied
(30 credits)	AOM 135 (3)	★HSCI 318-Medical Terminology	Major and DPT PRQ
	BIO 157 (4)	★BIOS 208 & 210-Fundamentals of Cellular Biology and Lab	GE-Nature & Technology DPT PRQ
	BIO 263 (4) & 264 (4)	★BIOS 357- Anatomy & Physiology	Hours towards 120 DPT PRQ
	ENG 151 (3)	ENGL 103 – Rhetoric and Composition I	GE Foundational Studies
	HCE 111 (3)	N/C	N/C
	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	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	PSY151 (3)	★PSYC 102-Introduction to Psychology	GE Society & Culture Major and DPT PRQ
	SPE 151 (3)	COMS 100- Oral Communication	GE Foundational Studies
	PTA courses	N/C	N/C-UHHS proficiency credit

¹ Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS-PTA at McHenry Community College and the B.S. in health Sciences – Degree Completion emphasis in the 2018-2019 catalog and on the current NIU Articulation Handbook, <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/pdf/articulation-tables/mchenry.pdf>. Curricular changes will necessitate an update in the articulation plan.

<p>Additional MCC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major requirements: can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses</p> <p>(15 credit hours)</p>	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 ¹	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	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
<p>Proficiency Credits</p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p>(30 credits)</p>	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
<p>Major courses to be taken through NIU</p> <p>NIU courses are offered online at least once a year</p> <p>(31 credit hours)</p>	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		

Electives for 120 hours required for graduation including additional DPT PRQs to be fulfilled: NIU or possibly MCC (23 credit hours)	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:		
	BIO 158 (4)	★ BIOS 209 & BIOS 212 Fundamentals of Organismal Biology and Lab	DPT PRQ & credit hours toward 120 needed for graduation.
	No equivalent	★ BIOS 355 (4)-Human Physiology	
	CHEM 166 (4)	★ CHEM 211 (3) & CHEM 213 (1)- General Chemistry II and Lab	
	PHY 280 (4)	★ PHYS 210-General Physics I	
	PHY 281 (4)	★ PHYS 211-General Physics II	
	PSY 275 (3)	Abnormal PSYC	

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>
- 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

Admission requirements for other DPT programs may vary.