The support coursework may be integrated with the technical PTA coursework or taken in a sequential manner. PTA courses meet in the evenings. Admission to the PTA program is competitive, based on recommendations, GPA, and a personal interview. Students must earn a C (2.0) minimum in all support and technical coursework to be eligible to graduate. Mathematics competency is required for technical PTA and science support courses. The PTA program application must be submitted by January 21 for consideration for fall (Semester I).

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM OPTION – Freshman admission available
Support courses must be taken during or before the semester listed in curriculum.

First Year, Semester I (17-18 hours)
- BIOL 103 Principles of Human Anatomy (4) [or BIOL 240 or 305]
- CHEM 103 Introduction to Chemistry (3)+ [or CHEM 150 (and 151)]
- ENGL 101 English Composition (3)+
- HSCI 120 Medical Terminology for Rehabilitation Professions (1) [or BIOL 200]
- INTD 101 New Student Experience (1)*+ [or any course from New Student Experience CORE]
- PTA 203 Professional Issues I (1)
- PTA 204 MS I: Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology (2)
- PTA 205 MS I: Patient Care Orientation (1.5)
- PTA 206 Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (1.5)

First Year, Semester II (11 hours)
- BIOL 104 Principles of Human Physiology (4)+ [or BIOL 330]
- KINS 101 Wellness/ Fitness for a Lifetime (1)+ [or KINS 104]
- PTA 223 Integumentary Rehabilitation (1.5)
- PTA 224 MS II: Physical Agents I (1.5)
- PTA 225 MS II: Therapeutic Exercise I (1.5)
- PTA 262 NM I: Pathophysiology (1.5)

First Year, Summer Semester (3 hours)
- PTA 233 Clinical Seminar (first 3 weeks) (1)
- PTA 291 Clinical Education I (after PTA 233, 5 weeks) (2)

Second Year, Semester I (16 hours)
- COMM 100 Public Speaking (3)+ [or COMM 135, 200, or 331]
- PHYS 103 Introduction to Physics (4) [or PHYS 150 or 153]
- PSY 120 Introduction to Psychology (3) [or one PSY Core Requirement for PSY majors]
- PTA 243 Professional Issues II (1)
- PTA 244 MS III: Physical Agents II (1.5)
- PTA 245 MS III: Therapeutic Exercise II (1.5)
- PTA 246 Neuromuscular Rehabilitation II (2)

Second Year, Semester II (9 hours)
- ENGL 102 Western World Literature & Composition (3)+ [or any 3 hours from Literature CORE]
- PTA 263 Neuromuscular Rehabilitation III (3)
- PTA 264 Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation IV (3)

Second Year, Summer Semester (6 hours)
- PTA 292 Clinical Education II (6 weeks) (3)
- PTA 293 Clinical Education III (7 weeks) (3)

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SEQUENTIAL CURRICULUM OPTION

Complete any or all of the support courses prior to entering the PTA program. Students taking courses prior to program admission are requested to declare a concentration of Pre-PTA to be assigned to the correct advisor. Upon admission to the program, remaining support courses will be taken per the Integrated Curriculum Option.

Support Courses (30-31 hours)

- **BIOL** 103  Principles of Human Anatomy (4) [or BIOL 240 or 305]
- **BIOL** 104  Principles of Human Physiology (4) [or BIOL 330]
- **CHEM** 103  Introduction to Chemistry (3) [or CHEM 150 (and 151)]
- **COMM** 100  Public Speaking (3) [or COMM 135, 200, or 331]
- **ENGL** 101  English Composition (3)
- **ENGL** 102  Western World Literature & Composition (3) [or any 3 hours from Literature CORE]
- **HSCI** 120  Medical Terminology for Rehabilitation Professions (1) [or BIOL 200]
- **INTD** 101  New Student Experience (1)* [or any course from New Student Experience CORE]
- **KINS** 101  Wellness/ Fitness for a Lifetime (1) [or KINS 104]
- **PHYS** 103  Introduction to Physics (4) [or PHYS 150 or 153]
- **PSY** 120  Introduction to Psychology (3) [or one PSY Core Requirement for PSY majors]

Technical Courses (32 hours) – Courses must be taken in the sequence listed.

**First Year, Semester I** (6 hours)
- **PTA** 203  Professional Issues I (1)
- **PTA** 204  MS I: Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology (2)
- **PTA** 205  MS I: Patient Care Orientation (1.5)
- **PTA** 206  Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (1.5)

**First Year, Semester II** (6 hours)
- **PTA** 223  Integumentary Rehabilitation (1.5)
- **PTA** 224  MS II: Physical Agents I (1.5)
- **PTA** 225  MS II: Therapeutic Exercise I (1.5)
- **PTA** 262  NM I: Pathophysiology (1.5)

**First Year, Summer Semester** (3 hours)
- **PTA** 233  Clinical Seminar (first 3 weeks) (1)
- **PTA** 291  Clinical Education I (after PTA 233, 5 weeks) (2)

**Second Year, Semester I** (6 hours)
- **PTA** 243  Professional Issues II (1)
- **PTA** 244  MS III: Physical Agents II (1.5)
- **PTA** 245  MS III: Therapeutic Exercise II (1.5)
- **PTA** 246  Neuromuscular Rehabilitation II (2)

**Second Year, Semester II** (6 hours)
- **PTA** 263  Neuromuscular Rehabilitation III (3)
- **PTA** 264  Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation IV (3)

**Second Year, Summer Semester** (6 hours)
- **PTA** 292  Clinical Education II (6 weeks) (3)
- **PTA** 293  Clinical Education III (7 weeks) (3)

**Total Required for Program Completion:** 62-63 hours

* Completion of INTD 101 is only required for students starting the PTA program with less than 12 hours. This course is highly recommended for all students entering college directly from high school, even if they have 12 or more dual college credit hours from high school studies.

+ Per the Catalog, students must complete a minimum of 14 hours from the University General Education Core to graduate with an AS degree. The PTA program support coursework has 17-18 hours in the CORE. Some of the support courses that may be substituted do not meet the CORE requirements. Students are still responsible to complete 14 hours of CORE courses to graduate if they choose to substitute support courses.

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Requirements for Application to the PTA Program – submitted by January 21 for Semester I consideration

- Admission to the University of Indianapolis
- Completion of the PTA application (can be downloaded from the UIndy PTA program website)
- At least 30 hours volunteer or work experience in two or more physical therapy settings with a PT or PTA (with a minimum of 8 hours each for two of the settings)

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) ≥ 3.0 – Courses completed after January 21 cannot count in GPA.
  - Official transcripts are required for all institutions (except UIndy) to determine cumulative GPA.
  - For students with less than 12 college credits, high school GPA will be used.
  - For students with 12 or more college credits completed, cumulative GPA (all institutions) will be used.
    - Students with low cumulative GPA may qualify for PTA program’s Academic Bankruptcy policy:
      - Applicant must complete the Academic Bankruptcy Petition (see UIndy PTA website)
      - At least 7 years must have elapsed from end of semester for which bankruptcy is requested.
      - 12 college credits must be completed within the last 2 years with a cumulative GPA ≥ 3.0.

Requirements for Matriculation in the PTA Program

- Completion of personal interview with faculty and/or PT/PTA (only top applicants are offered an interview)
- Received offer of admission to the PTA program
- Acceptance of the offer of admission to the PTA program by due date in offer letter
- Completion of all health requirements, CPR certification, and background check by July 1
  - Positive result on background check will require student to meet with Dean of the College of Health Sciences and might revoke the offer of admission, depending on the nature of the offense.
- Completion of drug test with negative result by July 1
- English and Math proficiency through ENGL 100 and MATH 105 (by coursework or testing)
- Attendance at mandatory PTA Orientation session (unless granted an exception by PTA Program Director)

Requirements to Continue in the PTA Program

- Students must earn a C (2.0) or better in all support and technical courses.
- Students must maintain a cumulative and semester GPA ≥ 2.5 in support and technical courses.
- Students must follow policies outlined in the PTA Student Handbook and Clinical Education Handbook.

NOTE:

- Although PTA technical courses meet during the evening, support courses may require attendance in day and/or extended programs classes.
- Many students concurrently complete a Bachelor’s degree program and/or Undergraduate Certificate in Aging Studies. If interested, these students may have a slightly modified program of study.
- PTA Program Director may grant substitutions in the curriculum in rare and exceptional circumstances only.
- Transfer students: As BIOL 103 and 104 are 8 total hours and required support courses, students are required to have 8 hours in anatomy and physiology to graduate from the PTA program. Students transferring anatomy and physiology are required to complete 8 total hours in anatomy and physiology to graduate. (For example, if a student transfers 6 total hours in anatomy and physiology courses, the student will be required to complete a minimum of 2 more hours of anatomy and/or physiology to graduate.)

REMEMBER: For advising and admissions information on the PTA program, contact the PTA Admissions Counselor (Martin Hall 103-B, 788-3457). Courses and requirements can change so keep in contact with the Admissions Counselor.

NOTE: If you are concurrently seeking a bachelor’s degree, you must contact that degree’s advisor for all concerns with that degree and for your registration PIN. The PTA advisor is unable to advise you on your bachelor’s degree coursework, nor approve you for course registration for that degree.