



SouthArk Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

2023-2024 ACADEMIC MAP: Physical Therapist Assistant – AAS

Student Name		Student ID		Student Phone #	
Advisor Name		Advisor E-mail		Advisor Phone #	
Award at Program Completion		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAS		Sem/Yr Expected to Graduate: Spring/_____	

STUDENT'S REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS (Write in needed courses based on test scores or transfer work):

COURSE NEEDED	SEMESTER	GRADE	COURSE NEEDED	SEMESTER	GRADE

CHOOSE COURSE PLAN WITH ADVISOR TO ASSURE PROPER ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

FIRST SEMESTER/YEAR: _____ / _____

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
BIOL 2064 /L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I / Lab	P			4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a "B" or better in BIOL, KINS, and PTAP 1002 courses and a "C" or better in other courses PTA Majors: Recommend to take face to face Med Term; this is not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicable, work to complete Campus Technology before class begins or within the first two weeks. Meet with Health Science Advisor Meet with Career Pathways (if applicable) Apply for scholarships for the next academic year before March 1st Meet with PTA Program faculty Take the TEAS exam
HSCI 1003	Medical Terminology	P			3		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	P			3		
MATH 1023	College Algebra	P			3		
PSYC 2003	General Psychology	P			3		
SASC 1101	Campus Technology	O			0		
Total					16		

SECOND SEMESTER/YEAR: _____ / _____

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
BIOL 2074/L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II / Lab	P			4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a "B" or better in BIOL, KINS, and PTAP 1002 courses and a "C" or better in other courses Note that Introduction for PTAs must be taken in the spring since it isn't offered in any other semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to PTA Program prior to deadline, take ATI TEAS, observations and recommendations. Work with HS Advisor to fill out and submit graduation application for TC in Pre-Health Science (if applicable) Meet with PTA Program faculty
KINS 2303 AND KINS 2301	Kinesiology/Lab OR Kinesiology (Lecture) AND Kinesiology Lab	P			4		
ENGL 1123	Composition II	P			3		
CSCI 1003	Introduction to Computers	P			3		
PTAP 1002	Introduction for PTAs	P, S			2		
Total					16		

* Also accepted are the previously taught South Arkansas Community College courses: BIOL 2301 AND BIOL 2303 OR BIOL 2304/L.

THIRD SEMESTER/YEAR: Summer / _____

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
PTAP 2304	Pathophysiological Conditions	SU*			4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a "C" or better in all courses to progress in program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
PTAP 2315/L	Applied Physical Therapy I / Lab	SU*			5		
PTAP 2323	Admin & Mgt for PTAs	SU*			3		
Total					12		

FOURTH SEMESTER/YEAR: Fall / _____

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
PTAP 2406/L	Physical Therapy Procedures / Lab	F*			6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earn a "C" or better in all courses to progress in program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
PTAP 2415/L	Applied Physical Therapy II / Lab	F*			5		
PTAP 2424	Clinical Practicum I	F*			4		
Total					15		

Key:

F – Only offered in Fall semester	O – Only offered Online	T – Transfer	CP – Certificate of Proficiency	AA – Associate of Arts Degree
S – Only offered in Spring semester	P – Prerequisite to Program	E – Elective	TC – Technical Certificate	AS – Associate of Science Degree
SU – Only offered in Summer semester	SUB – Substitution	* Critical Course		AAS – Associate of Applied Science Degree



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FIFTH SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring /

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
PTAP 2503	PTA Seminar	S*			3	• Earn a "C" or better in all courses to successfully complete program and graduate	• Submit application for graduation with AAS in PTA
PTAP 2514/L	Neuro Rehab for PTAs / Lab	S*			4		
PTAP 2528	Clinical Practicum II	S*			8		
Total					15		
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS					74		

COMMENTS AND NOTES:

In program Fall and Spring Semesters (GPS 4th & 5th Semesters) contain a total of 15 weeks off campus clinical rotation requirements occurring Monday through Friday. Students within the PTA Program during the 4th & 5th Fall/Spring Semesters will not be able to participate in additional face to face courses or campus related face to face activities outside of PTAP courses.

Program Description	This program prepares graduates to provide physical therapy services in various settings with a wide variety of patient populations. The program consists of lecture, lab practicums, and clinical rotation experiences.
Program Requirements	74 TOTAL program credit hours. Application to program by deadline required. Selective admissions process. Minimum requirements: ATI TEAS - see https://www.southark.edu/academics/health-science/teas-exam ; Must earn a "B" or better required in all BIOL courses, KINS, and PTAP 1002; "C" or better in non-BIOL, non-KINS, and non-PTAP 1002 pre-requisite courses; "C" or better in all program courses; Pass a criminal background check; PT clinical observations; Letters of recommendation
Link to Program Webpage	https://www.southark.edu/academics/health-science/physical-therapist-assistant
Licensure	In order to become licensed and work as a physical therapist assistant, a PTA graduate must pass a national board test, and fulfill licensure requirements within the state they will work in.
Career Opportunities	PTA graduates find employment in a variety of healthcare facilities and departments, including, but not limited to, acute care, rehab, out-patient, school system, home health, nursing homes, and pediatric settings. Average entry-level annual salary \$50,000
Transfer Paths and Requirements	A Doctorate of Physical Therapy, DPT, is the terminal degree to become a physical therapist. It requires a bachelor's degree followed by the completion of a CAPTE accredited PT graduate school. There are multiple PT schools within Arkansas. There are only two colleges in the USA that offer a bridge PTA-to-PT degree program, neither of these are within Arkansas.

REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS:

Current course placement requirements and applicable remediation can be found in the college catalog.

I understand that when seeking a credential, I may be required to enroll in remediation / co-requisite lab courses as a result of my test scores in compliance with Arkansas Law, Act 1052, which may take additional semesters for successful completion.

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Registrar: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

SouthArk Credit Hours		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.00? (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transfer Credit Hours		CUMULATIVE GPA		Any 50% or the last 25% of Total Credit Hours? (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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