

2+2 Articulation Agreement for Anne Arundel Community College and Towson University

Associate's Degree: A.A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant

Bachelor's Degree: B.T.P.S. in Allied Health

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Anne Arundel Community College

This section outlines the courses to satisfy Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) general education and program requirements in order to complete both AACC and Towson University (TU) degrees within a total of four years and earn the minimum required 120 units/credits.¹ The following tables do not include any nontransferable or prerequisite coursework outside of the curriculum.

Table 1: AACC General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
English Composition	Choose one of the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none">ENG 101 Academic Writing and Research 1ENG 101A Academic Writing and Research 1	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
Mathematics	MAT 137 College Algebra	3	MATH 115 College Algebra
Arts & Humanities	General Education Arts and Humanities course	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Social and Behavioral Sciences	PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
Social and Behavioral Sciences	PSY 211 Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 203 Human Development
Biological & Physical Sciences	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">BIO 231 Human Biology 1 (recommended)BIO 233 Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BIO 101 prerequisite required)	4	BIOL 221 Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture BIOL 221L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab

¹ Note that Anne Arundel Community College awards academic “credits” for its courses, whereas Towson University uses the term “unit” in reference to the credit hour weighting assigned to its undergraduate courses. For the purposes of this articulation agreement, the terms “credits” and “unit” are interchangeable.

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
Biological & Physical Sciences	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIO 232 Human Biology 2 (recommended) BIO 234 Anatomy and Physiology 2 	4	BIOL 222 Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture BIOL 222L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab

AACC general education credits: 23

Table 2: AACC Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
Program Requirement	PTA 101 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	3	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 102 Physical Therapist Assistant 1	6	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 106 Kinesiology	6	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 104 Physical Therapist Assistant 2	6	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 105 Clinical Practice 1	2	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 201 Physical Therapist Assistant 3	4	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 202 Physical Therapist Assistant 4	4	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 203 Clinical Practice 2	4	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 204 Physical Therapist Assistant 5	3	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 205 Current Issues and Trends Affecting the Physical Therapist Assistant	1	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 206 Clinical Practice 3	4	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	PTA 207 Clinical Practice 4	4	General Lower-Level Elective

- **AACC program requirements and elective credits applied to the TU degree: 41 credits.** (Students must complete all 47 credits listed in Table 2, but only 41 credits will apply to the TU degree).
- **Total AACC credits applied to the TU Core Curriculum to fulfill TU general education requirements: 23 credits** (includes courses taken at AACC to meet general education requirements [see Table 1] and program requirements [see Table 2] for the A.A.S. degree)
- **Maximum number of AACC credits transferable to TU: 64**

While AACC's A.A.S. degree in Physical Therapist Assistant is 70 credits, AACC students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits toward TU's B.T.P.S. degree in Allied Health. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above in Tables 1 and 2, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in two years. Students must complete the A.A.S. degree to meet the admissions requirement for TU's B.T.P.S. degree in Allied Health. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

Section 2: AACC Course Selection & Transfer Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they will be required to complete the outstanding requirements at TU.

GENERAL EDUCATION

The following information explains the transfer of students' general education courses:

- Students entering into this agreement will need to complete seven Core Curriculum requirements at TU: Creativity & Creative Development (Core 4), Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9), Metropolitan Perspectives (Core 10), United States as a Nation (Core 11), Global Perspectives (Core 12), Diversity & Difference (Core 13), and Ethical Perspectives (Core 14). Students not completing the courses listed in Tables 1 and 2 above will be required to complete additional Core Curriculum requirements at TU.

Section 3: Degree Requirements to be Completed at TU

This section outlines the degree requirements for students transferring into the B.T.P.S. in Allied Health. Refer to section 4 for additional major requirements, recommendations, and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 21 UNITS

Core 4 Creativity & Creative Development (3 units)

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar (3 units) (this will be satisfied by AHLT 440 Professional Issues in Allied Health in the major)

Core 10 Metropolitan Perspectives (3 units)

Core 11 United States as a Nation (3 units) (this will be satisfied by HLTH 207 Health Care in the U.S. in the major)

Core 12 Global Perspectives- (3 units)

Core 13 Diversity & Difference (3 units) (this will be satisfied by NURS 416 Diversity and Social Justice in Healthcare in the major)

Core 14 Ethical Perspectives (3 units) (this will be satisfied by required track coursework; specific course varies by track)

ALLIED HEALTH REQUIRED COURSES: 9 UNITS

HLTH 207 Health Care in the U.S. (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 11 Curriculum requirements)

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- AHLT 310 Management for the Allied Health Professional

- AHLT 311 Human Resource Management for Allied Health Professionals
- AHLT 320 Understanding Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)
- AHLT 440 Professional Issues in Allied Health (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 9 Curriculum requirements)
- AHLT 445 Research Methods in Interprofessional Health Studies (3 units)
- NURS 416 Diversity and Social Justice in Healthcare (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 13 Curriculum requirements)

ALLIED HEALTH TRACK REQUIREMENTS: 15 UNITS

Select one of the following tracks:

- Administration/Management Track
- Advanced Respiratory Therapy
- Education
- Family Studies
- Health Promotion, Wellness, Prevention & Community Health Education
- Science and Professional Preparation

Ethics Requirement (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 14 Curriculum requirements)

Requirement varies by track:

- HCMN 441 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Administration
- PHIL 361 Biomedical Ethics

AHLT 450 Capstone in Allied Health (3 units)

Track Electives (12 units)

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 11 UNITS

The total number of elective units required will be determined by the total units completed within the major. Electives can be additional major electives or courses for personal interests.

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- A grade of C (2.0 GPA) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- Certain majors may have additional requirements for graduation. Students should follow the specific requirements outlined in the catalog for the major.

Degree Completion Summary

Total Units Required for TU B.T.P.S. in Allied Health	120 UNITS
AACC A.A.S. Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant	64
Completion of Core Curriculum at TU	21
Allied Health Required Coursework at TU	9
Allied Health Required Track Coursework at TU	15
General Electives Taken at TU	11