



**PROPOSAL TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FROM
SOUTH COLLEGE ASHEVILLE LEARNING SITE
TRANSFER AGREEMENT
FOR
AAS IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
TO
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE (POST PTA)**

The following proposal is designed to provide a means by which graduates of the AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) from Southwestern Community College can transfer associate degree course credits to the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post PTA degree) offered at the South College Asheville Learning Site. The intent of the proposed agreement encourages students to complete their associate degree and other pre-requisites identified in the agreement before transferring into the BS HS degree at South College. The BS HS (Post PTA) degree provides students with the ability to utilize credits earned in a PTA program toward the completion of the BS HS degree. There are only a small number of programs in the United States that allows the PTA graduate to apply those specific PTA major credits towards a bachelor degree. Once earned, the graduate of the BS HS (Post PTA) program has the necessary requirements to apply to a majority number of Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) programs in the country, including the DPT program at South College. For those that choose not to continue their education, the BS HS degree provides them with additional training for moving into administrative roles in healthcare.

The proposal outlines the curriculum of the BS HS (Post PTA) degree, the course transfer checklist for the two schools, and courses needed for the transfer student. Typically, the bachelor level courses are offered in the evenings or on-line, allowing students working as physical therapist assistants to work while completing the bachelor courses at night. In order to earn the degree, students must earn at least 40% of the required program credits at South College.

This North Carolina Board of Governors and SACSCOC approved program allows those with an associate degree in physical therapist assistant to continue with science, business, and leadership courses, obtain a bachelor degree, and preparing them, if they so desire, to pursue graduate studies.

OVERVIEW OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE (POST PTA)

Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post Physical Therapist Assistant Degree) program is committed to advancing educational opportunities for those students who have completed an asocial level physical therapist assistant (PTA) degree. Graduates may enhance their marketability for

administrative positions in physical therapy or health care environments or continue with their education after earning the bachelor's degree to a Doctorate of Physical Therapy program.

Purpose

The focus of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post Physical Therapist Assistant Degree) program is to provide a comprehensive health science education to undergraduate students. The program is committed to advancing educational opportunities for those students who have completed an associate level Physical Therapist Assistant degree. As a pre-professional program, it is designed to provide the foundational degree for those wishing to pursue graduate education in the field of physical therapy. For those students who do not go on to graduate study, the program provides opportunities to earn a bachelor's degree in order to enhance their marketability for administrative positions in Physical Therapy or health care environments.

The Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post Physical Therapist Assistant Degree) program objectives further support the College's mission of providing students with the "awareness of the significant impact of their professional and individual contributions on the community, the nation, and the country's global standing." The program's goal that students will "Graduate professionals whose skills and knowledge meet the current physical therapy administrative needs of the health care community in the state of North Carolina, United States, and when appropriate, the international community" prepares them to begin a career making contributions to their profession.

Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post Physical Therapist Assistant Degree) Program Goals

The following goals will represent the hallmark of our graduates and will be reflective of the mission of the program and the college as a whole:

1. Graduate health care professionals who are capable of assuming leadership roles in informatics and healthcare management.
2. Graduate students who display critical-thinking skills, a commitment to life-long learning, and a readiness for graduate education.
3. Graduate professionals whose skills and knowledge meet the current physical therapy administrative needs of the health care community in the state of North Carolina, United States, and when appropriate, the international community.

The Bachelor of Science in Health Science (Post Physical Therapist Assistant Degree) to:

- continue their education towards obtaining a Doctorate in Physical Therapy;
- integrate theory and research-based knowledge and skills from arts, humanities, and sciences, and to develop a foundation for professional and personal life;
- demonstrate compassionate, spiritual, ethically sensitive, and mature clinical decision making skills based on critical thinking;
- understand the role and responsibilities of a professional leader in the health care delivery system by embracing the value of lifelong learning;
- function in a health care management role;
- demonstrate inter-professional communication and collaboration for improving patient health outcomes;
- demonstrate analytical inquiry for evidence-based health care practice;

- utilize health care policies and healthcare economics in shaping healthcare delivery;
- participate as an advocate in the political process to influence health care policy to improve the health care system;
- evaluate and enhance one's own professional values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, social justice, and inter-professional conflict management in dealing with health issues, health promotion and prevention across the life span.

Bachelor of Science Health Science (Post-PTA)

If any of the following core courses (or their equivalent) were not completed as part of a PTA Program they are required.

English Composition	8 quarter hours (6 semester hours)
College Algebra	4 quarter hours (3 semester hours)
Anatomy & Physiology	12 quarter hours (8 semester hours)
Humanities	4 quarter hours (3 semester hours)
Psychology/Sociology	4 quarter hours (3 semester hours)
Speech	4 quarter hours (3 semester hours)

PTA Course Hour Credit (must have AS/AAS degree to receive credit)....46 quarter hours

Core Curriculum 52 quarter hours

Mathematics	MAT 2500 Statistics	4
Humanities	Approved Humanities Elective	4
Science	BIO 1020 Principles of Biology I	4
	BIO 1021 Principles of Biology I Lab	2
	BIO 1022 Principles of Biology II	4
	BIO 1023 Principles of Biology II Lab	2
	CHM 1010 General Chemistry I	4
	CHM 1020 General Chemistry I Lab	2
	CHM 1030 General Chemistry II	4
	CHM 1040 General Chemistry II Lab	2
	PHY 2010 General Physics I	4

	PHY 2020 General Physics I Lab	2
	PHY 2030 General Physics II	4
	PHY 2040 General Physics II Lab	2
Social Sciences	Approved Social Science Electives	8

Major Curriculum 46 quarter hours

BBA 3120 Human Resource Management	4
ECO 3500 Health Economics	4
HSC 3110 Intro to Health Administration	4
HSC 3120 Healthcare Law & Ethics	4
HSC 4110 Health Science Research	4
HSC 4210 Current Trends/Issues	4
HSC 4310 Health Science Leadership	4

Approved Upper Division Elective 18

BBA 3050 Management & Org. Behavior	4
BBA 3080 Managing Business Ethics	4
COM 4010 Public Relations	4
HSC 3140 Immunology	4
HSC 3240 Human Genetics & Genomics	4
HSC 3310 Cross-Sectional Anatomy	4

COURSE LISTINGS

LIST A: COURSES COMMON TO BOTH ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

LIST B: COURSES FOR BACHELOR PROGRAM TO BE TAKEN AT SCC

LIST C: COURSES FOR BACHELOR PROGRAM TO COMPLETE DEGREE AT SOUTH COLLEGE

LIST A			
COURSES COMMON TO BOTH AAS IN PTA PROGRAMS TO BE TAKEN AT SCC			
SOUTH COLLEGE		SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Course Number	Course Name/Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name/Semester Credits
	46 QUARTER CREDITS IN PTA COURSES		GRADUATE IN AAS PTA
ENG 1200	English Composition	ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry
ENG 1210	English Comp/Research	ENG 114	Professional Research and Reporting
	Humanities Elective		Humanities Elective
	Social Science Elective		Social Science Elective
BIO 1110/1120	Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture/Lab	BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 1130/1140	Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture/Lab	BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II
LIST B			
ADDITIONAL COURSES NEEDED FOR THE BS HS (POST PTA) DEGREE TO BE TAKEN AT SCC (four of these courses must be taken at South College to meet the 40% requirement for South College to confer degree)			
SOUTH COLLEGE		SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Course Number	Course Name/Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name/Semester Credits
MAT 1500	College Mathematics I	MAT 121 OR MAT 171	Algebra/Trigonometry I OR Precalculus Algebra
MAT 2500	Statistics	MAT 152	Statistical Methods
COM 1260	Effective Speaking	COM 231	Public Speaking
	Humanities Elective		Humanities Elective
BIO 1020 BIO 1021	Principles of Biology I/Lab	BIO 111	General Biology I
BIO 1022 BIO 1023	Principles of Biology II/Lab	BIO 112	General Biology II

CHM 1010 CHM 1020	General Chemistry I/Lab	CHM 151	General Chemistry I
CHM 1030 CHM 1040	General Chemistry II/Lab	CHM 152	General Chemistry II
PHY 2010 PHY 2020	General Physics I/Lab	PHY 151	College Physics I
PHY 2030 PHY 2040	General Physics II/Lab	PHY 152	College Physics II
	Social Science Electives		Social Science Electives
	Social Science Electives		Social Science Electives

LIST C
COURSES NEEDED FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE (POST PTA) DEGREE
FROM SOUTH COLLEGE (plus four courses from list B to meet 40% requirement for South College to
confer degree)

Major Curriculum 46 quarter hours

BBA 3120 Human Resource Management	4
ECO 3500 Health Economics	4
HSC 3110 Intro to Health Administration	4
HSC 3120 Healthcare Law & Ethics	4
HSC 4110 Health Science Research	4
HSC 4210 Current Trends/Issues	4
HSC 4310 Health Science Leadership	4
Approved Upper Division Elective	18 (4 Courses)
BBA 3050 Management & Org. Behavior	4
BBA 3080 Managing Business Ethics	4
COM 4010 Public Relations	4
HSC 3140 Immunology	4
HSC 3240 Human Genetics & Genomics	4
HSC 3310 Cross-Sectional Anatomy	4
Four (4) courses from List B	