



INTERAMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO  
PONCE CAMPUS  
HEALTH ALLIED SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (AS)**

**Modality:  
Presential**

**CODE: 061P**

Last Name, Name	Identification Number	Academic Term Admission – Re admission	Academic Coordinator	Observations
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**FIRST YEAR**

1ST SEMESTER	CRS.	REQ.	Equivalent course	GRADE	2ND SEMESTER	CRS.	REQ.	Equivalent course	GRADE
PHTH 1000 Introduction to Physical Therapy	3	C:PHTH 1010			PHTH 1222 Therapeutic Modalities	5	R: PHTH 1000, PHTH 1010, PHTH1211 C: PH TH 1223, PHTH 1212		
PHTH 1010 Principles of Patient Care	3	C:PHTH 1211			PHTH 1223 Pathology	3	R: PHTH 1000, PHTH 1010, PHTH 1211 C: PHTH 1223, PHTH 1212		
PHTH 1211 Anatomy and Physiology I	4				PHTH 2051 Communication Skills in Physical Therapy	2	R: PHTH 1000, PHTH 1212		
GEEN 1101 English as a Second Language I	3				PHTH 1212 Anatomy and Physiology II	2			
GEIC 1010 Information and Computer Literacy	3				GESP 1101 Literature and Communication: Narrative and Essay	3		SCSG 1102 HCHG 3030	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>			

**SECOND YEAR**

3RD SEMESTER	CRS.	REQ.	Equivalent course	GRADE	4TH SEMESTER	CRS.	REQ.	Equivalent course	GRADE
PHTH 2053 Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy	3	R: PHTH 1212, PHTH1222, PHTH 1223			PHTH 2151 Orthopedic Rehabilitation	3	R: PHTH 2053, PHTH 2054, PHTH 2055		
PHTH 2054 Kinesiology and Functional Anatomy	3				PHTH 2350 Neurological Rehabilitation	4	R: PHTH 2053, PHTH 2054, PHTH 2055		
PHTH 2055 Growth and Human Development	2				PHTH 2921 Internship in Physical Therapy I	2	R: PHTH 2053, PHTH 2054, PHTH 2055		
PHTH 2050 Dimension of Incapacity	2	R: PHTH1000			GEEN 1102 English as a Second Language II	3	GEEN 1101		
GESP 1102 Literature and Communication: Poetry and Theater	3	GESP 1101			GEMA 1000 Quantitative Reasoning	3			
GEHS 2010 Historic Process of Puerto Rico	3								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>			

**THIRD YEAR**

5TH SEMESTER	CRS.	REQ.	Equivalent course	GRADE
PHTH 2990 Integration Seminar	2	R: PHTH 2921, PHTH 2151, PHTH 2350		
PHTH 2922 Internship in Physical Therapy II	3	R: PHTH 2921, PHTH 2151, PHTH 2350		
PHTH 2923 Internship in Physical Therapy III	4	R: PHTH 2922		
GECF 1010 The Christian Faith (online course)	3		IACG 1020	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>			

**IMPORTANT:** This sequential constitutes a simplified guide of the academic requirements that are published in the catalogs of the Institution. It is the student's responsibility to refer to them, according to their year of admission or readmission. The catalog, rules and regulations in force at the time of readmission are applied to the readmitted students. Admission, retention and graduation requirements may vary, depending on the academic program. Therefore, all students must do academic counseling. You can contact the academic counselor for your study program, the department director, or the Dean of Academic Affairs.

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program aims to develop competent paraprofessionals so they may offer high quality services in the rehabilitation field. It provides scientific knowledge based on concepts and principles from the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities, as well as their applications to the field of the physical therapy. It is designed to prepare physical therapist assistants that offer treatment to individuals whose functional capacity is limited or in risk of being limited due to some disease or injury.

The Program guides students to the awareness of intervention strategies in the rehabilitation process. Graduates will work under the supervision of a physical therapist in institutions such as general and specialized hospitals; rehabilitation and home care centers; clinics and private offices; schools and industries.

In order to obtain the permanent license in Puerto Rico, graduates must pass the tests offered by the Examining Board of Physical Therapy of Puerto Rico. To practice the profession in another jurisdiction, students must abide by the regulations in force in that area. The major requirements must be approved with a minimum grade of C.

<b>Major Requirements</b>	Credits
General Education Requirements	24
Major Requirements	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

**General Education Requirements – 24 credits**

GESP	Spanish	6
GEEN	English	6
GEMA 1000	Quantitative Reasoning	3
GEHS 2010	Historical Process of Puerto Rico	3
GECF 1010	Introduction to the Christian Faith	3
GEIC 1010	Information and Computer Literacy	3

**Major Requirements – 50 credits**

PHTH 1000	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PHTH 1010	Principles of Patient Care	3
PHTH 1211	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
PHTH 1212	Anatomy and Physiology II	2

PHTH 1222	Therapeutic Modalities	5
PHTH 1223	Pathology	3
PHTH 2050	Dimension of Incapacity	2
PHTH 2051	Communication Skills in Physical Therapy	2
PHTH 2053	Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy	3
PHTH 2054	Kinesiology and Functional Anatomy	3
PHTH 2055	Human Growth and Development	2
PHTH 2151	Orthopedic Rehabilitation	3
PHTH 2350	Neurological Rehabilitation	4
PHTH 2921	Internship in Physical Therapy I	2
PHTH 2922	Internship in Physi	
PHTH 2923	Internship in Physi	
PHTH 2990	Integration Semin	

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**Admission Requirements**

1. Meet the admission requirements established in the Inter American University General Catalog.
2. Complete the application for admission to the Physical Therapy Program in the Department of the Health Sciences
3. Provide a certificate no criminal record issued by the police of Puerto Rico.
4. Provide a recent health certificate issued by the Health Department or an authorized doctor.
5. Provide evidence of vaccination against Hepatitis B.
6. Have minimum high school or equivalent grade point index of 2.50.
7. Have an interview with the faculty of the Program.

**Retention Requirements**

1. Meet all the academic progress norms established in the University's current General Catalog.
2. Pass all major courses with a minimum grade of C and and maintain a minimum average of 2.00 upon completion of each academic term.
3. Students obtaining a grade less than C twice in the same course or in two courses of the major will be placed on probation for a period not greater than one academic year. Students, who, during the probationary period, do not reach the required minimum grade point index may not continue in the Program, but may choose to request admission to another study program.

**Graduation Requirements**

► Historical and Social Context: Select 3 credits from: GEHS 2020 Global Vision of Economics (before IACG 2030), GEHS 3020 Global Society (before MIRG 2020), GEHS 3040 The Individual, Society and Culture (before HCHG 4010, IACG 2050, MIRG 2020), or GEHS 4030 Modern and Contemporary Western Civilization (before HCHG 4010, IACG 2050, MIRG 2030).

Students must pass all major courses with a minimum grade of C.