

**PATHWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES**

This agreement establishes a mechanism for students of **Western Suffolk BOCES Physical Therapy Aide** program to earn credit for the below defined coursework at Penn College in **Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S.**

Western Suffolk BOCES Coursework	Penn College Coursework	Number of Credit(s)
Content related to Physical Therapy Aide (CIP 51.0806), specifically content in the Health-Related Fitness and Nutrition and Diet units.	Fitness & Wellness Elective (FITELC)	1 Credit

Students completing Western Suffolk BOCES' Physical Therapy Aide curriculum, which includes job shadowing experience, will receive credit for up to 10 clinical observation hours if completed in one physical therapy setting (e.g., outpatient, inpatient, long-term care, home health) and up to 20 clinical observation hours if completed in two physical therapy settings upon submission of appropriate documentation. Hours can be split any way between settings. If the student receives credit for 10 clinical observation hours in one setting, the student will be responsible for completing the remaining 10 clinical observation hours in another setting to be eligible for ranking and selection into the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Students successfully completing Western Suffolk BOCES' Physical Therapy Aide curriculum with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher (or equivalent) and who are eligible for the selective admission process for the PTA program will receive 2 additional points toward the competitive [ranking process](#).

Additional Transfer Information

- Students must have gained admission to Penn College and met placement requirements to enroll as a pre-PTA student.
- Students must complete coursework with a grade of C or better (2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale).
- Penn College will accept Western Suffolk BOCES coursework for Penn College credit for students who enroll at the College within two (2) academic years of graduation from Western Suffolk BOCES.
- Students must submit the following to Penn College prior to enrollment to receive credit for their Western Suffolk BOCES program:
 - their final official Western Suffolk BOCES transcript
 - the *Western Suffolk BOCES Articulation Agreement Completion Form*, completed and signed by Western Suffolk BOCES administrators, noting completion of specific competencies, job shadowing, and coursework
 - the *Penn College PTA Clinical Observation Form* to the PTA Program Office

- Penn College will only consider those credits earned through Western Suffolk BOCES for the terms of this agreement. Students must request transcripts from additional institutions to be evaluated on an individual basis at Penn College.
- Credits will post on the student's official academic transcript upon the successful completion of twelve (12) credits of academic work at Penn College. Prior to completion of twelve (12) credits, for advising and scheduling purposes, approved credits will show on working copies of the student's academic transcript and on the student's graduation profile. Whether Penn College credits will be accepted by another college or university is at the discretion of the receiving college or university.
- Completion of Western Suffolk BOCES's program and admittance to Penn College as a pre-PTA student does not guarantee selection into the PTA program. [All selective admission criteria for the PTA program](#) will apply.

Agreement formalized April 2023