

**PATHWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
WALLENSPAUPACK AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

This agreement establishes a mechanism for students who complete the **Wallenpaupack Area High School Exercise Science Sports Medicine CTE program** to earn credit for the below defined coursework at Penn College in **Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S.**

Wallenpaupack Area High School Coursework	Penn College Coursework	Number of Credit(s)
Content related to Rehabilitation Aid (CIP 51.2604), specifically content in Muscle Function and Movement, Sport Nutrition, Injury Prevention and Protection, and Exercise Science and Prescription units.	Fitness & Wellness Elective (FITELC)	1 Credit

Students completing **Wallenpaupack Area High School** and its **Exercise Science Sports Medicine CTE** 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. All documented hours must be submitted to Penn College’s PTA Program office (pta@pct.edu) by December 1 of the selection year.

Students successfully completing **Wallenpaupack Area High School** and its **Exercise Science Sports Medicine CTE** 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 **Wallenpaupack Area High School** coursework for Penn College credit for students who enroll at the College within two (2) academic years of graduation from **Wallenpaupack Area High School**.
- Students must submit the following to Penn College prior to enrollment to receive credit for their **Wallenpaupack Area High School** program:
 - their final official **Wallenpaupack Area High School** transcript to the Penn College Admissions Office.

- the **Wallenpaupack Area High School** *Articulation Agreement Completion Form*, completed and signed by **Wallenpaupack Area High School** administrators, noting completion of specific competencies, job shadowing, and coursework to the Penn College Admissions Office
 - the *Penn College PTA Clinical Observation Form* to the PTA Program Office
- Penn College will only consider those credits earned through **Wallenpaupack Area High School** 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 **Wallenpaupack Area High School'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.

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