**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis**  
**Morton College – AAS Physical Therapy Assistant**

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

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(23 credit hours)

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2 All credits will transfer, but only 66 community college credit hours are applicable to the 120 required for NIU degree.

3 BIOS 355 is only offered in a regular classroom setting at NIU-DeKalb

★ Meets perquisite requirement for NIU DPT program
### Additional Morton College courses to meet NIU general education and/or B.S. in Health Sciences major requirements:
- **MAT 141 (4)**: ★UBUS 223 – Business Statistics
  - GE MATH, major, and DPT PRQ (substitute for STAT 208)
- **SPE 101 (3)**: COMS 100
  - GE Foundational Studies
- Humanities/Fine Arts (3)
  - Select course to meet NIU GE Creativity and Critical Analysis
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- **CHM 105 (5)**: ★CHEM 210 & 212 – Gen Chem I lecture and lab
  - GE Nature & Technology

(15 credit hours)

### Additional DPT prerequisites to be fulfilled
- **BIO 103 (4) & BIO 104 (4)**: Elective and ★BIOS 357 – Anatomy & Physiology
  - DPT PRQ & credit hours toward 120 needed for graduation
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- **BIO 110 (5) & BIO 111 (5)**
  - ★BIOS 208, 209, 210, 211 – General biology I & II and labs
- **CHM 106 (5)**
  - ★CHEM 211 & 213 – Gen Chem II lecture & lab
- **PHY 101 (5) & PHY 102 (5)**
  - ★PHYS 210 & 211 – Physics I & II
- **PSY 202 (3)**
  - ★Elective (Abnormal Psych)
  - No equivalent
  - ★BIOS 355³ – Human Physiology

(36 credit hours)

### Proficiency Credits
- **AAS PTA graduates with current license**: UHHS 300 – Experiences in HHS II
  - Hours toward 120 credits required for degree

### BGS Core Courses to be taken through NIU
- **NIU Course Number**
- **NIU Course Title**
  - AHRS 200 (3): Disability in Society
  - HSCI 310 (3): Introduction to HHS
  - HSCI 318 (3): ★Medical Terminology (Proficiency Exam Available at NIU)
  - HSCI 350 (3): Critical Thinking for HHS Professions
  - HSCI 410 (3): Legal & Ethical Issues
  - HSCI 430 (3): Working with Diverse Populations in HHS
  - HSCI 450 (3): Administration for Professionals in HHS
  - HSCI 455 (3): Resource Allocation in HHS
  - HSCI 460 (3): ★Introduction to Research in HHS, DPT PRQ
  - HSCI 490 (1): Capstone in Health Sciences
  - PHHE 295 or approved elective (3): Introduction to Public Health
    - (students interested in meeting DPT PRQs sub ★AHPT 405 – Introduction to Physical Therapy)
  - UHHS 365 (3): Overview of Gerontology

(34 credit hours)
Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student – refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission: [http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml)
- Completed AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant and current PTA license
- Submit B. S. Health Sciences – Degree Completion application, [http://chhs.niu.edu/ahcd/programs/health-sciences/degree-completion/application.shtml](http://chhs.niu.edu/ahcd/programs/health-sciences/degree-completion/application.shtml), including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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Academic Advising

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with the NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

**Note:** The articulation plan is designed to prepare Morton College AAS-in Physical Therapist Assistant graduates to complete a baccalaureate degree and to meet the course work requirements for application to the NIU DPT. Admission to the DPT is highly competitive and limited and admission is not guaranteed. Interested students should review the NIU DPT admission requirements: [http://www.chhs.niu.edu/physical_therapy/dpt/admission_criteria.shtml](http://www.chhs.niu.edu/physical_therapy/dpt/admission_criteria.shtml). Admission requirements for other DPT programs may vary.