

PATHWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of a Pathway Agreement is to demonstrate a valuable partnership between Pennsylvania College of Technology (Penn College) and a high school, career technology center (CTC) or career and technical education (CTE) sending institution.

This agreement establishes a mechanism for students who complete the **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY Exercise Science and Rehabilitation** CTE program to earn credit for the below defined coursework at Penn College in **Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S.**

II. GOALS

- A. To attract qualified students to Penn College who will enter with earned credit.
- B. To provide a well-defined mechanism for students of **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** to earn Penn College credit for work completed at the high school, CTC or CTE sending institution.
- C. To recruit students whose career goals include the acquisition of degrees offered at Penn College.

III. ELIGIBILITY/ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Penn College will accept **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** coursework for Penn College credit for the courses listed in Appendix A if students meet the following requirements.

- A. Students must have gained admission to Penn College and met placement requirements to enroll as a pre-PTA student.
- B. Students must complete coursework with a grade of C or better (2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent).
- C. Penn College will accept **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** coursework for Penn College credit for students who enroll at the College within two (2) academic years of graduation from **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**.
- D. Students must submit the following to Penn College prior to enrollment to receive credit for their **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** program:
 - a. their final official **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** transcript to the Penn College Admissions office
 - b. the **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY Articulation Agreement Completion Form** (see Appendix B), completed and signed by **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** administrators, noting completion of specific competencies, job shadowing, and coursework to the Penn College Admissions office

- c. the clinical observation form (discussed below in Section V) to the PTA Program Office
- E. Penn College will only consider those credits/competencies earned through **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** for the terms of this agreement. Students must request transcripts from additional institutions to be evaluated on an individual basis at Penn College.
- F. Credits will post on the student's official academic transcript upon the successful completion of twelve (12) credits of academic work at Penn College. Whether Penn College credits will be accepted by another college or university is at the discretion of the receiving college or university.
- G. Completion of **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY's Exercise Science and Rehabilitation** CTE 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.

IV. COURSE CREDIT OUTLINE

- A. Appendix A will outline course-by-course transfer credit or block course equivalency as it relates to the coursework associated with this Pathway Agreement at Penn College.

V. ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES

- A. Students completing **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY** and its **Exercise Science and Rehabilitation** 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 (see Appendix C). 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
- B. Students successfully completing **EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY'S Exercise Science and Rehabilitation** 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.

VI. MARKETING AND PROMOTION

- A. Marketing and promotion of this Pathway Agreement is the joint responsibility of both institutions. At a minimum:
 - I. Both institutions should provide information about the Pathway Agreement in the appropriate prominent locations on their public websites and any internal sites.

- II. The sending institution should actively promote the Pathway Agreement with students and parents, counselors, teachers, college fairs, and marketing materials. Additionally, the sending institution will help ensure that students provide the proper documentation to Penn College.
- III. Penn College staff and/or faculty will visit the site or provide virtual meetings with students when/if it is mutually agreeable to both institutions.

VII. UPDATES AND EXPIRATION

This Pathway Agreement has been reviewed and approved by those indicated on this signature page. A representative from each institution will inform the other party of any curriculum changes, which will then be reviewed to re-establish this Pathway Agreement. This Pathway Agreement is effective the date signed and will be reviewed annually by both institutions. Either institution may terminate the Pathway Agreement by notifying the other party.

SIGNATURE PAGE

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences, Dr. Valerie Myers

Valerie Myers EdD, MSN, RN
Signature

11/26/2024
date

Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost, Ms. Joanna Flynn

Joanna K Flynn
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12/02/2024
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EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Executive Director,

Catherine E Plesnarski
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School to Career Coordinator,

Hayley Gnanacher
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APPENDIX A – COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY Coursework	Penn College Coursework	Number of Credit(s)
Content related to Rehabilitation Aide (CIP 51.2604), specifically content in the Nutrition and Hydration, and Exercise Science and Prescription units.	Fitness & Wellness Elective (FITELC)	1 credit

APPENDIX B – EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY Articulation Agreement Completion Form



To whom it may concern,

Please allow this letter to serve as an Articulation Completion Form for the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology Exercise Science and Rehabilitation student listed below regarding Penn College's Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S. Degree Program

Student Name: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

Date Student graduated from EASTERN: _____

By initialing, I verify that this student has completed the following tasks at EASTERN:

_____ Met or exceeded expectations of technical skills on the NOCTI Written Exam

_____ Completed required tasks on program of study for career objective.

_____ Completed 10 hours of observation in a physical therapy setting (must provide a signed letter from workplace supervisor, with hours included)

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if any additional information is needed on this student.

Sincerely,

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Dear Clinician,

As part of the Admission process for the PTA program at Penn College, students who wish to be considered for selection into the PTA program must complete a total of 20 hours of clinical observation. Thank you for allowing this student to observe in your facility. Please complete this log as a record of the student's time in your clinic. Thank you for your assistance!

Student Name: _____

Name of Facility: _____

Type of Facility: (circle) Long Term Care Acute Care Outpatient Other

Date of observation	# Hours spent in the clinic

Clinician Signature _____

Date _____

Clinician Name (Print) _____

Date _____

Clinic Address _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

STUDENT: Please return this form to the PTA Program Director by December 1st.

Pennsylvania College of Technology
School of Nursing & Health Sciences
ATTN: Dr. Victoria Hurwitz, PTA Program Director
One College Avenue DIF 15
Williamsport, PA 17701

Or by email to vsh1@pct.edu

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