

**PATHWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**AND**

**FAYETTE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

**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 of **Fayette County Career & Technical Institute (Fayette CTI) Rehabilitation Aide 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 **Fayette CTI** 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 **Fayette CTI** 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 **Fayette CTI** coursework for Penn College credit for students who enroll at the College within two (2) academic years of graduation from **Fayette CTI**.
- D. Students must submit the following to Penn College prior to enrollment to receive credit for their **Fayette CTI** program:
  - a. their final official **Fayette CTI** transcript
  - b. the **Fayette CTI Articulation Agreement Completion Form** (see Appendix B), completed and signed by **Fayette CTI** 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 earned through **Fayette CTI** 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. 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.
- G. Completion of **Fayette CTI Rehabilitation Aide** 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 **Fayette CTI and its Rehabilitation Aide** curriculum, which includes job shadowing experience in an outpatient setting, will receive credit for 10 clinical observation hours in one setting with submission of appropriate documentation (see Appendix C). The student will be responsible for completing an additional 10 clinical observation hours in another setting (e.g., hospital, long-term care, home health) to be eligible for ranking and selection into the Physical Therapist Assistant program.
- B. Students successfully completing **Fayette CTI and its Rehabilitation 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](#).

#### **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

9/8/2023  
Date

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

Joanna K Flynn  
Signature

9/8/2023  
Date

**FAYETTE CTI**

Executive Director,

Cynthia A Shaw  
Signature

9-7-23  
Date

School Counselor,

[Signature]  
Signature

9-7-23  
Date

**APPENDIX A –COURSE EQUIVALENCIES**

<b>Fayette CTI Coursework</b>	<b>Penn College Coursework</b>	<b>Number of Credit(s)</b>
Content related to Rehabilitation Aid (CIP 51.2604) competency in Nutrition and Hydration (Standard 600) and Exercise Science and Prescription (Standard 700)	Fitness & Wellness Elective (FITELC)	1 credit
Dual enrollment Penn College medical terminology course (MTR100) taken at Fayette CTI.	Medical Terminology Survey (MTR100)	1 credit*

\*NOTE: Students should be made aware that MTR100 is part of the PTA program’s selective admission ranking process. The grade earned on the course will be a factor in the student’s ranking points for selection into the PTA program. Please see the Selective Admission Criteria and Process webpage (URL provided below) for details.

<https://www.pct.edu/catalog/selective-admission-criteria-process/physical-therapist-assistant>

**APPENDIX B – Fayette CTI Articulation Agreement Completion form**



**Fayette County Career & Technical Institute**

Dr. Cynthia Shaw – Executive Director

175 Georges Fairchance Road • Uniontown, PA 15401  
Phone: 724-437-2721 • Fax: 724-437-2576

**Articulation Agreement Completion**

Fayette CTI Program Name: Sports Medicine

PDE Program Name: Rehabilitation Aide

PDE CIP CODE: 51.2604

Post-Secondary Institution: Penn College of Technology

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above listed student has completed the following (Please Initial) :

- \_\_\_\_\_ Program Competency List
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 hours job shadowing at clinic
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nutrition and exercise component of program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Terminology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anatomy and Physiology

\_\_\_\_\_  
Instructor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Signature

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**Appendix C – Penn College PTA Clinical Observation Form**



**Pennsylvania  
College of Technology**  
A Penn State Affiliate

One College Avenue  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570.326.3761 | [www.pct.edu](http://www.pct.edu)

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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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](mailto:vsh1@pct.edu)

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