The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) is uniquely designed for professionals who hold a professional credential, certificate, or license in health or human services and have completed an applied associate program or an equivalent number of credits. It includes both a required core of courses and electives in health and human sciences to provide a foundation for leadership and management within health and human service fields.

### AAS Physical Therapist Assistant

**Morton College required course** | **NIU Articulation** | **NIU Requirement satisfied**
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BIOS 103 (4) | Elective | elective hours toward 120
BIOS 104 (4) | *BIOS 357 – Anatomy & Physiology* | Elective/DPT PRQ
ENG 101 (3) | ENGL 103 – Rhetoric & Composition I | GE Core
ENGL 102 (3) | ENGL 104 – Rhetoric & Composition II | GE Core
Humanities General Education (3) | GE HUM - choose IAI humanities | GE HUM
PSY 101 (3) | *PSYC 102 – Introduction to Psychology* | GE SS/BGS Core/DPT PRQ
PSY 215 (3) | *FCNS 280 – Human Development* | GE SS/BGS Core/DPT PRQ
PHT courses | N/C | N/C – see information about UHHS proficiency credit

(23 credit hours)

### Additional Morton College courses to meet NIU general education and/or BGS core requirements: can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses

**Morton College required course** | **NIU Articulation** | **NIU Requirement satisfied**
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MAT 141 (4) | UBUS 223 – Business Statistics | GE MATH Core/BGS Core/DPT PRQ (substitute for STAT 208)
PSY 202 (3) | Elective (Abnormal Psych) | BGS elective/DPT PRQ
SPE 101 (3) | COMS 100 | GE Core
IAI Hum – Fine arts GE HUM (3) | Humanities in VPA | GE HUM
IAI Hum or GE HUM (3) | Humanities in LAS | GE HUM
CHM 105 (5) | *CHEM 210 & 212 – Gen Chem I lecture and lab* | GE SCI MATH/DPT PRQ
PHY 101 (5) | *PHYS 210 – Physics I* | GE SCI MATH/DPT PRQ

(26 credit hours)

### Additional DPT prerequisites to be fulfilled

**Morton College required course** | **NIU Articulation** | **NIU Requirement satisfied**
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CHM 106 (5) | *CHEM 211 & 213 – Gen Chem II lecture & lab* | DPT PRQ & credit hours toward 120 needed for graduation
PHY 102 (5) | *PHYS 211 – Physics II* | Credit hours toward 120
BIO 110 (5) & 111 (5) | *BIOS 208, 209, 210, 211 – General biology I & II and labs* | No equivalent

(20 credit hours)

### Proficiency Credits

**Morton College required course** | **NIU Articulation** | **NIU Requirement satisfied**
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AAS PTA graduates with current license | UHHS 300 – Experiences in HHS II | BGS

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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 prerequisite requirement for NIU DPT program
BGS Core Courses to be taken through NIU
NIU HHS-BGS courses are offered online or in a blended online format. Some are offered on a two year rotation.

(33 credit hours)

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<td>UNIV 310 or TECH 432 (3)</td>
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BGS Required Electives: NIU courses (6 credit hours)

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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.G.S. in HHS application, 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. BGS students work with the BGS 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.

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