



Pre-Physical Therapy Preparation

Physical Therapists work with patients to regain mobility and strength after accidents or injury. They work with people of all ages, in schools, nursing homes, and hospitals.

Training to become a physical therapist occurs at the graduate level taking 2-3 years of training beyond the baccalaureate degree. The Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences includes most of the physical therapy prerequisites, however it is not required and any academic baccalaureate degree will be acceptable. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required for entry into most graduate programs. Physical Therapy is a competitive field, so a gpa of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale, high GRE scores are a must. Most programs also require 45+ experience hours in the field of health care (preferably physical therapy, either actual or through observation) and three letters of recommendation (1 academic, 1 professional, and 1 of your choice).

| GENERAL REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | | |
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| | Hrs | Grade | Sem | | Hrs | Grade | Sem |
| English | | | | Biology | | | |
| ENG 1001G Comp & Lang | 3 | — | — | BIO 1100 Gen Bio | 4 | — | — |
| ENG 1002G Comp & Lit | 3 | — | — | BIO 1300G Animal Diversity | 4 | — | — |
| CMN 1310G Intro to Speech | 3 | — | — | BIO 2001G Hum Physiology | 4 | — | — |
| | | | | BIO 2200 Anatomy | 4 | — | — |
| Chemistry | | | | Behavioral/Social Sciences | | | |
| CHM 1310G Gen Chem I | 3 | — | — | PSY 1879G Intro to Psych | 3 | — | — |
| CHM 1315G Gen Chem Lab | 1 | — | — | * PSY 3515 Child Psych | 3 | — | — |
| * CHM 1410 Gen Chem II | 3 | — | — | * PSY 3780 Abnormal Psych | 3 | — | — |
| * CHM 1415 Gen Chem II Lab | 1 | — | — | * SOC 1838G Intro Sociology | 3 | — | — |
| Physics | | | | Math | | | |
| PHY 1151G Principle Phys I | 3 | — | — | * MAT 1441G Calculus I | 5 | — | — |
| PHY 1152G Physics I Lab | 1 | — | — | MAT 2250G Stats | 4 | — | — |
| PHY 1161 Principle Phys II | 3 | — | — | Or * PSY 2610 Stats | | — | — |
| PHY 1162 Physics II Lab | 1 | — | — | | | | |
| ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | | |
| * CPR | | — | — | | | | |
| * FIRST AID | | — | — | | | | |
| * Medical Terminology | | — | — | | | | |

* Many programs require this course, however, not all.

Although most Physical Therapy programs have many common pre-requisite classes. It would be highly recommended to visit each program of interest to confirm their pre-requisite classes

Physical Therapy Programs

Bradley University www.bradley.edu

Governors State University www.govst.edu

Midwestern University www.midwestern.edu

Northwestern University medschool.northwestern.edu/nupthms

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science www.rosalindfranklin.edu

The University of Illinois at Chicago www.ahs.uic.edu/pt

Indiana University (IN), University of Evansville (IN), University of Indianapolis (IN), Clarke College (IA), Des Moines University - Osteopathic Medical Center (IA), St Ambrose University (IA), The University of Iowa (IA), Missouri State University (MO), Rockhurst University (MO), Saint Louis University (MO), Southwest Baptist University (MO), University of Missouri-Columbia (MO), Washington University of St Louis (MO) .

American Physical Therapy Association <http://www.apta.org>.

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