



Pre-Physical Therapy Preparation

Physical therapists work with patients to regain mobility and strength after accidents or injuries. They work with people of all ages, in schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. Students should maintain a grade point average between 3.4-4.0, with a high Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score. Most programs also require 45+ experience hours in the field of healthcare (preferably physical therapy; either actual or through observation). Below are the requirements to be considered for admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy programs. Physical therapy schools do not favor any particular major. A major should be chosen **completely on the student's interests and goals.** Biology, neuroscience, exercise science or health science, with a psychology minor, are a few programs of study to consider. Most importantly, these schools are seeking individuals who are well-rounded in their educational background and applied experiences. More information about the profession can be found through the **American Physical Therapy Association: apta.org.**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Additional coursework in humanities and social sciences is often required. Check with your destination program.

ENGLISH

EN 110 Writing and Inquiry I
EN 111 Writing and Inquiry II

CHEMISTRY

CH 103/L General Chem. I w/Lab
CH 104/L General Chem. II w/Lab

MATH**

**MA 232 Elementary Statistics

HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE*

*HHPR 301 or Physiology of Exercise
*HHPR 365 Kinesiology

BIOLOGY

BI 101/L Principles of Biology I w/Lab
BI 102/L Principles of Biology II w/Lab
BI 215/L Human Anatomy & Phys. I w/Lab
BI 216/L Human Anatomy & Phys. II w/Lab

PSYCHOLOGY

PY 211 Introduction to Psychology
*PY 212 Abnormal Psychology

PHYSICS

PS 201/L or General Physics I w/Lab
PS 211/L University Physics I w/Lab
PS 202/L or General Physics II w/Lab
PS 212/L University Physics II w/Lab

* Recommended. One or more of these courses are often required prerequisites for DPT programs.

**Note: PT math requirements may vary. Check entry requirements at your destination program.

Students should always consult the admission requirements for their focal schools. A list of physical therapy schools and their prerequisites can be found here: apta.org/your-career/careers-in-physical-therapy/pt-admissions-process.