

PREPARING FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SCHOOL

Students must earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission to a physical therapy (PT) school. There is no preferred major. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students must complete the courses required by the PT schools to which they plan to apply. Additionally, some schools require completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

- Requirements at individual PT schools vary.
- Students are responsible for knowing and completing the requirements of their major and the PT schools they plan to apply to.
- Early and regular consultation with a health professions advisor is recommended.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ENGL 100	Expository Writing I	3
ENGL 200	Expository Writing II	3
COMM 106	Public Speaking	3
CLSCS 105	Medical Terminology	2
PSYCH 110	General Psychology	3
Upper level Psychology		3
<i>(PSYCH 505 – Abnormal Psychology recommended)</i>		
MATH 150	Plane Trigonometry	3
OR		
MATH 220	Calculus I	3
STAT 325	Introduction to Statistics	3
BIOL 198	Principles of Biology	4
Biology course with lab		4
<i>(BIOL 455 – Microbiology recommended)</i>		
BIOL 341 & 342	Human Body (A&P)	4/4
OR		
KIN 360	Anatomy & Physiology	8
CHM 210	Chemistry I	4
CHM 230	Chemistry II	4
PHYS 113	General Physics I	4
PHYS 114	General Physics II	4
KIN 335	Exercise Physiology	4
KIN 336	Exercise Physiology Lab	1

RECOMMENDED COURSES

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
FNDH 132	Basic Nutrition	3
KIN 330	Biomechanics	3
PHILO 365	Medical Ethics (preferred)	3
OR		
PHILO 130	Intro. to Moral Philosophy	3

OTHER COURSES TO CONSIDER

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
ANTH 315	Intro to Medical Anthropology	3
BIOL 330	Public Health Biology	3
BIOL 365	Practicum-Cadaver Team	Varies
COMM 480	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON 688	Economics of Healthcare	3
EDSP 415	Manual Communication	3
FNDH 400	Human Nutrition	3
FNDH 720	Adm. Health Care Org.	3
GERON 315	Introduction to Gerontology	3
HIST 520	Death and Dying in History	3
HIST 534	Social History of Medicine	3
PSYCH 518	Health Psychology	3
PSYCH 520	Lifespan Personality Dev.	3
PSYCH 470	Psychobiology	3
PSYCH 630	Human Neuropsychology	3
SOCIO 510	Social Welfare as a Soc. Inst.	3
SOCIO 541	Wealth, Power and Privilege	3
SOCWK 320	Dynamics of Working with Older adults	3
THTRE 665	Drama Therapy with Special Populations	3

NON-ACADEMIC COMPONENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

In addition to a competitive GPA and GRE score, competitive applicants have:

- Shadowed physical therapists in multiple settings, including at least one primary care setting.
- Demonstrated a commitment to service through participation in volunteer activities. It is not necessary to limit volunteer service to health-related organizations.

Research, leadership, and direct patient care experience also may enhance competitiveness.

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To Make an Appointment:

Please call 785-532-5500 or visit the Dean's Office, 119 Justin Hall, and schedule an appointment with the receptionist at the front desk.