Physical Therapy (PT) Curricular Path

Minimum number of courses: 11

The below courses are meant to serve as a guide for most schools, but may lack some specific requirements as they are updated by the professions and individual schools. Check with the specific school. The course prerequisites for admission vary significantly across PT education programs. Visit the institution's website or the program pages on the PTCAS site to determine what courses are required by each institution.

There are over 200 PT programs nationwide.

ONE general Biology course
- Bio 114: Introduction to Biological Sciences

TWO other Biology courses
- Bio 106: Human Anatomy
- Bio 244: Introductory Physiology

TWO general Chemistry courses
- Chem 153: Chemical Principles (equivalent of “General Chemistry I”)
- Chem 232: Aqueous Equilibria (equivalent of “General Chemistry II”)

TWO Physics courses
- Phys 170: Introductory Physics I
- Phys 171: Introductory Physics II

ONE Statistics course from
- Math 141, Psy 141, or Soc 141

TWO Psychology courses
- Psy 101: Introductory Psychology

Other Psychology course from
- Psy 203: Child Development
- Psy 233: Lifespan Development

Note: Some PT schools require one or more specific Psychology courses.