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Pre-health Advising website:
http://med.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=advisingOutreach.home
Physical Therapy website: www.ptcas.org/careerseducation/
GENERAL PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY REQUIREMENTS*

Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree 120 Hours

General Biology (with lab) 4-8 Semester Hours
Human Anatomy and Physiology (with labs) 6 Semester Hours
General Chemistry (with lab) 8 Semester Hours
General Physics (with lab) 8 Semester Hours
Statistics 3 Semester Hours
General Psychology/Social Science1 6-9 Semester Hours

*These are general course requirements. Each school of physical therapy has its own specific requirements. Check the individual school’s website for additional information.

1Requires at least one course in “lifespan development”

SPECIFIC FLORIDA STATE COURSES

BIOLOGY
BSC 2010, 2010L Biology I 4 Semester Hours
BSC 2011, 2011L Biology II 5 Semester Hours

CHEMISTRY
CHM 1045, 1045L General Chemistry I 4 Semester Hours
CHM 1046, 1046L General Chemistry II 5 Semester Hours

ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
BSC 2085 + 2085L Applied Anatomy/Physiology I 4 Semester Hours
BSC 2086 + 2086L Applied Anatomy/Physiology II 4 Semester Hours
or
PET 3322C Functional Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Semester Hours
PET 3323C Functional Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Semester Hours

PHYSICS
PHY 2053C Physics I 4 Semester Hours
PHY 2054C Physics II 4 Semester Hours

STATISTICS
STA 2122 Introduction to Applied Statistics 3 Semester Hours

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCE (2-3 courses)
PSY 2012 General Psychology 3 Semester Hours
CHD 3220 Child Growth and Development 3 Semester Hours
DEP 3103 Child Psychology 3 Semester Hours
DEP 3305 Psychology of Adolescent Development 3 Semester Hours
DEP 4404 Psychology of Adult Development and Aging 3 Semester Hours
DEP 2004 Developmental Psychology 3 Semester Hours

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  www.pt.phhp.ufl.edu

Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program:  8 semesters (113 hours)
Program Begins:  Fall
Clinical Experience:  Minimum of 40 hours required
Recommended GRE:  GRE 300 w/ 3.5 Writing section

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  http://dpt.health.usf.edu

Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program:  8 Semesters
Program Begins:  Fall
Clinical Experience:  20 hours – 8 in each of 3 areas of PT
Recommended GRE:  GRE not required

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY  www.nova.edu

Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT) (beginning 2004)
Length of Program:  3 Years Full Time, 5 Years Part Time
Program Begins:  Summer
Clinical Experience:  Clinical experience preferred
Recommended GRE:  GRE 300 w/ 3.5 Writing section

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  http://pt.med.miami.edu

Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program:  3 Years
Program Begins:  Summer
Clinical Experience:  100 hours required
Recommended GRE:  GRE 300

UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCE  www.usa.edu/dpt.htm

Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program:  7 Semesters
Program Begins:  Spring, Summer, and Fall
Clinical Experience:  Clinical experience recommended
Recommended GRE:  GRE w/ 294 Writing section
PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY INFORMATION

- Physical Therapy Programs in the US: 137
- Physical Therapy Programs in Florida: 10
- Selection Factors: Most programs prefer applicants with at least a 3.0 GPA. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required by most programs. In 2011, the average GPA for accepted students was 3.49.
- Admission Test: Graduate Record Exam (not required by most programs)  
  www.gre.org
- Application Services: The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has developed the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Currently, there are 164 Physical Therapy programs participating. Check the website – www.PTCAS.org - to find a list of participating programs.

  Not all Physical Therapy programs are member of PTCAS. The University of Central is not a PTCAS member.

  Applicants wishing to apply to non-participating PTCAS schools must apply directly to the institution using that program’s specific application.

- Experience: Physical therapy programs prefer applicants to have some direct clinical experience. There are no specific requirements for clinical Physical Therapy experience, although most programs recommend exposure to a variety of physical therapy experiences. A minimum of 20 hours in each of two physical therapy settings would be expected by most programs.