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Physical Therapy website: www.apta.org
# GENERAL PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree 120 Hours (including all liberal studies requirements)

General Biology (with lab) 4-8 Semester Hours
Human Anatomy and Physiology\(^2\) (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 Science\(^1\) 6-9 Semester Hours

\(^1\)Requires at least one course in “lifespan development”

\(^2\)Some programs will allow BSC 2011 and 2011L to substitute for Human Anatomy and Physiology

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## SPECIFIC FLORIDA STATE COURSES

### BIOLOGY

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### STATISTICS

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### PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCE (2-3 courses)

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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY, Program in Physical Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Tallahassee, FL  www.famu.edu

Degree Conferred: Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program: 2 Years
Program Begins: Fall
Clinical Experience: Minimum of 10 hours
Required GPA: 3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size: 35

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY, Department of Physical Therapy, Ft. Myers, FL  www.fgcu.edu/chp/pt/ptdpt/index.html

Degree Conferred: Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program: 8 Semesters (115 hours)
Program Begins: June
Clinical Experience: Minimum of 10 hours
Required GPA: 3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size: 25

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Sciences, Miami, FL  www.physicaltherapy.fiu.edu

Degree Conferred: Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program: 9 Semesters (113 hours)
Program Begins: Fall
Clinical Experience: Minimum of 40 hours
Required GPA: 3.0 (GRE not required)
Class Size: 48

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, Department of Physical Therapy, Orlando, FL  www.cohpa.ucf.edu/health.pro/physical_therapy.shtml

Degree Conferred: Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program: 3 Years
Program Begins: Summer
Clinical Experience: Minimum of 30 hours required
Prerequisite GPA: 3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size: 34

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA, Physical Therapist Program, College of Health, Jacksonville, FL  www.unf.edu/brooks/clinical_applied_movement/pt.html

Degree Conferred: Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program: 8 Semesters (102 hours)
Program Begins: Fall
Clinical Experience: Minimum of 80 hours required
Required GPA: 3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size: 36
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Professions, Gainesville, FL  Phone: 352-273-6085  www.phhp.ufl.edu/pt
Degree Conferred:  Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Length of Program:  8 semesters (113 hours)
Program Begins:  Fall
Clinical Experience:  Minimum of 40 hours required
Required GPA:  3.0 (GRE Verbal 400)
Class Size:  55

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, School of Physical Therapy, Tampa, FL  Phone: 813-974-8870  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
Required GPA:  3.2
Class Size:  40

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Physical Therapy Department, College of Allied Health, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  Phone: 954-262-1662  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
Prerequisite GPA:  2.75
Class Size:  Ft. Lauderdale (50)  Tampa (30)

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, Division of Physical Therapy, School of Medicine, Miami, FL  Phone: 305-284-4535  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
Required GPA:  3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size:  80

UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES, DPT Physical Therapy Program, St. Augustine, FL  Phone: 904-826-0084  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
Application Deadline:  January 15; June 15; October 1
Required GPA:  3.0 or GRE 1000
Class Size:  100
Physical Therapy Programs in the US: 128

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. Some schools require a GRE score of 1000. In 2011, the average GPA for accepted student is 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) beginning in 2008. Currently, there are 128 Physical Therapy programs participating. Check the website – www.PTCAS.org - to find a current list of participating programs. Not all Physical Therapy programs are members of PTCAS.

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.