



PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAMS

Note: Prerequisites and deadlines are subject to change. Please check program websites.

<http://aptaapps.apta.org/accreditedschoolsdirectory/AllPrograms.aspx?UniqueKey=>

Azusa Pacific University

<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/dpt/admission/>

Azusa CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
 - Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher.
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 & BIOL 223 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Biology: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - General Chemistry (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216) or Organic Chemistry (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Physics: PHYS 121, 122, and 123 (Must include Electro, Hydro, and Magnetic Physics)
 - Exercise Physiology: KINE 481
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, and KINES
 - Psychology (Two Courses): PSYC 100 and PSYC 390
 - Humanities and Arts (Three courses)
 - English Composition (Required), English Literature, History/Political Science/Sociology, Music/Art Appreciation, Philosophy/Ethics, or Speech/Communication
 - Additional Courses (recommended but not required)
 - Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Kinesiology/Biomechanics, Nutrition, and Writing Course
- 100 hours of clinical experience in a physical therapy setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - One must be from a registered/licensed physical therapist, and two from faculty members familiar with academic work in areas closely related to the proposed field of study or responsible persons well-informed about relevant work completed by the student.
- Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and a 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



CSU Fresno

<http://fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/app-requirements.html>

Fresno, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. In-progress Winter or spring prerequisite courses not allowed. Additionally, applicants can only have 2 prerequisite courses in progress during the Fall term in which they are applying. All 9 prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the Fall term in which the PTCAS application is submitted. Must maintain a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0.

Coursework older than 7 years is not accepted.

- Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 & BIOL 223 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
- General Chemistry: CHEM 215 & CHEM 216
- General Physics: PHYS 121, 122, and 123 (Must include Mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity in Lab)
- Statistics: MATH, PSYC, and KINES
- Psychology (One Course): PSYC 100 or PSYC 201
- Abnormal Psychology: PSYC 390
- Minimum 100 hours of evidence of knowledge of physical therapy through employment, volunteer work, or observation (under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist) in a physical therapy department. Minimum of 20 hours in general in-patient care setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - Two must be from a registered/licensed physical therapist, and one from a professor who you have taken a course from.
- Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- Requires the GRE to be submitted.



CSU Long Beach

<http://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/physical-therapy/prerequisite-courses/index.html>

Long Beach, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. In order to be considered competitive, the applicant's overall and prerequisite GPA should both be at least 3.50. Human Anatomy and Human Physiology must be taken within 5 years at the time of application. All other courses must be taken within 10 years at the time of application. **No course may be repeated more than once and no more than 3 prerequisite courses may be repeated.**
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Must also take either BIOL 323, BIOL 324, or KINE 481
 - General Biology with lab: BIOL 200, 201, or 202
 - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 and 216
 - Must also take either one course of Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry or a combined Organic/Biochemistry course can substitute for General Chemistry.
 - General Physics with lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123 (Must include Mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity in Lab)
 - Must also take one course of Algebra or Calculus based on physics are acceptable.
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYCH, KINE, or BIOL
 - Psychology: PSYC 100 or PSYC 390
- Minimum 100 hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The hours can be either paid or volunteer. There is no minimum number of hours per site required.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - One must be from an instructor/academic source. One must be from a licensed PT who has observed your experience hours work. One should be from an employer.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



CSU Northridge

<https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/program-prerequisites>

Northridge, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. Only 2 courses may be planned or in progress by the application deadline.
 - General Biology with lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Psychology (Two Courses): PSYC 100
 - Including, one course of any of the following Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Lifespan Psychology or Psychopathology
- Minimum 200 hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - One must be from an instructor/academic source. One must be from a licensed PT who has observed your experience hours work. One should be from an employer.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 155 on the verbal sections, 156 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section



CSU Sacramento

https://www.csus.edu/hhs/pt/admissions/admissions_requirements.html

Sacramento, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0.
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Psychology (two courses): PSYC 100
 - Including one additional course: Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Lifespan Psychology or Psychopathology
 - Biomechanics or Kinesiology (Upper division only, 1 semester)
 - Exercise Physiology (Upper division only, 1 semester)
- Minimum 100 hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. A minimum of 25 hours are required in an inpatient setting, and a minimum of 25 hours are required in an outpatient setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - Two must be from a licensed PT who has observed your experience hours work. One should be from a college professor.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum quantitative score of 29th percentile, and a 3.5 on the analytical writing section



Chapman University

<https://www.chapman.edu/crean/academic-programs/graduate-programs/physical-therapy/admissions.aspx#https://www.chapman.edu/crean/academic-programs/graduate-programs/physical-therapy/admissions.aspx>

Orange, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0. More information about courses can be found here: <https://www.chapman.edu/crean/files/forms/DPT-Course-Requirements.pdf>
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Human Behavior (1 - 2 semesters)
- Minimum 40 hours of observation (or paid work) to ensure at least minimal knowledge of the practice of physical therapy.
- Letters of Recommendations are NOT required
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- Requires the GRE with a minimum score of 155 on the verbal sections, a 148 on the quantitative section, and a 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



Loma Linda University

<https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/academics/physical-therapy/admissions-physical-therapy>

Loma Linda, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.40
- Courses:
- Grades for the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - General Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Medical Terminology
 - General Psychology: PSYC 100
 - Human Growth and Development: PSYC 201
 - Oral Communication Skills
- Minimum 80 hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. 20 hours must be in an inpatient setting and 20 hours must be in an outpatient setting. The remaining 40 hours can be in any setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE not required.



Mount Saint Mary's University

<https://www.msmu.edu/graduate-programs/physical-therapy/admission/>

Los Angeles, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0. All courses must be completed by the summer prior to enrollment in the program.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Introduction to Communication Course
 - Communication Course focusing on Speech
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Psychology (Three Courses): PSYC 100
 - Including, two courses of any of the following: Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Lifespan Psychology or Psychopathology.
 - Recommended Courses (Not Required): Computer Science/Literacy, Critical Thinking, Ethics, Gerontology, Kinesiology, and Motor Learning/Development
- Minimum 100 hours must be under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. This can be through a paid or volunteer clinical experience. Applicants must document experience in at least one inpatient and one outpatient setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendations:
 - One from an academician with direct knowledge of the applicant's academic ability; One from a physical therapist who can address the applicant's clinical potential and communication skills; One from an individual who can address the applicant's problem solving skills
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- Requires the GRE with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, a 150 on the quantitative section, and a 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



Samuel Merritt University

<http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/admission/dpt/prereq>

Oakland, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C+ or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - General Psychology: PSYC 100
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
- Minimum 40 hours of volunteer or paid experience in a physical therapy setting is required.
- Two Letters of Recommendations:
 - One from a professor who can address your academic preparedness for a DPT program; One from a physical therapist who has supervised you in a clinical environment (inpatient or outpatient).
 - You may also submit up to 2 additional letters of your choosing, but this is not a requirement. Letters of reference are submitted through PTCAS.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- Requires the GRE with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 144 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



San Diego State University

<https://ens.sdsu.edu/dpt/prospective/requirements/>

San Diego, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C+ or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - English Writing: English Composition or an Upper Level Writing Course
 - Psychology (Two Courses): PSYC 100
 - Including, one course of any of the following: Abnormal Psychology, Developmental Psychology, or Child Development
- Minimum 100 observation hours must be completed under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Observation in two or more different types of physical therapy settings (e.g. pediatric and orthopedic, rather than two different orthopedic settings) is highly recommended.
 - While no direct verification will be required, the admissions committee may contact the supervisors to verify observation hours of applicants who are being strongly considered for being admitted to the program.
- Three Letters of Recommendation from professionals attesting to the ability, scholarship and aptitude of the candidate for a rigorous full-time DPT program.
 - At least one letter must be from a licensed physical therapist with whom the applicant had a professional association thereby can appropriately evaluate the applicant's potential as a student in the physical therapy program, and one letter must be from a professor for a course which the applicant completed. The third letter of recommendation must be from a licensed physical therapist or professor as described above.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



University of California, San Francisco

<http://ptrehab.ucsf.edu/application-requirements>

San Francisco, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C+ or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Microbiology or Upper Division Biology
 - Courses that are part of a multi-course sequence of introductory/general biology do not satisfy the General Biology/Upper Division Biology requirement.
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Abnormal Psychology: PSYC 390
 - Highly Recommended Courses (Note Required): Neuroscience/Neuroanatomy, Organic Chemistry, Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology, Motor Learning/Motor Control, Biomedical Ethics, and Developmental Psychology
- Minimum 150 hours of paid or volunteer experience in a variety (e.g. outpatient, inpatient) of physical therapy settings working under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
 - At least one recommendation must be from a licensed physical therapist. Instructors of basic science coursework, health professionals, or employers are suggested for the two other letters of recommendation.
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.5 on the analytical writing section.



University of Southern California

<https://dpt.usc.edu/residential-dpt-program/admissions/application-requirements/>

Los Angeles, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C+ or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - A biochemistry series (Biochemistry I and Biochemistry II) with labs (8 semester hours) will also satisfy this requirement.
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Psychology (Two Courses): General psychology, abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, psychology of disability, etc
- Minimum 150 hours of clinical experience in a physical therapy setting is required. More competitive applicants typically exceed these minimum hours and accumulate their experience across a variety of settings. This work requirement can be completed in a volunteer or paid capacity.
- Three Letters of Recommendation, Each Recommendation from:
 - A physical Therapist (PT) who has directly supervised you
 - A professor or academic reference who has taught you in at least one class
 - A person of your choice who is either another PT supervisor or academic reference (character witnesses are discouraged)
- Personal Essay* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences - California

<https://www.usa.edu/college-of-rehabilitative-sciences/doctor-physical-therapy/dpt-admission-requirements/>

San Marcos, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Courses:
Prerequisites must contain a grade of C+ or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0. Keep in mind the amount of units convert from a quarter system convert to a semester system. We highly recommend to visit their website to see how many units of each needs to be taken.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Social Sciences:
 - Any combination of Psychology, Sociology, Sociocultural/Socioeconomic, Anthropology, Human Behavior and Development, Public Health, Humanities (must show human relationships), Ethnicity or Gender Studies courses can be used toward this requirement.
 - Human Growth and Development over Lifespan
 - Human or lifespan development course that includes motor and psychosocial development from birth through end of life.
 - Medical Terminology
- Minimum 80 volunteer or observation experience hours (volunteer hours, work hours, observation hours, etc.) in a physical therapy setting is required.
- Two Letters of Recommendation:
 - Two licensed physical therapists (preferred) or one physical therapist and one faculty member or academic advisor.
- Include a resumes and statement of purpose* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



University of the Pacific

<https://www.pacific.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/thomas-j-long-school-of-pharmacy-and-health-sciences/academics/doctor-of-physical-therapy/prerequisites.html>

Stockton, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites must contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Abnormal Psychology: PSYC 390
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - Exercise Physiology: KINE 481
 - Medical Terminology
- Minimum 50 hours of experience in physical therapy practice settings which includes at least 25 hours in acute care, in-hospital setting.
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



West Coast University

<http://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogiq.com/Winter-2018/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Graduate-Programs-of-Study/Physical-Therapy/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Program-Information>

Los Angeles, CA

Prerequisites:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
 - Abnormal Psychology: PSYC 390
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - Six Semester credit hours in the behavioral sciences (Life Span Development is one of the preferred courses)
 - Medical Terminology
- Minimum 50 hours of clinical observation in a clinical setting
- Two Letters of Recommendation:
 - One from a faculty member; One from a physical therapist
- Personal Statement* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with a minimum score of 150 on the verbal sections, 150 on the quantitative section, and 4.0 on the analytical writing section.



Western University of Health Sciences

<https://prospective.westernu.edu/health-sciences/dpt/requirements/>

Pomona, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain a grade of C or higher. Must maintain a minimum prerequisites GPA of 3.0.
 - Psychology: At least one of these courses must be taken from the psychology department. Each course must be three (3) semester or four (4) quarter units. Abnormal and/or Developmental Psychology highly recommended.
 - Statistics: MATH, PSYC, or KINE
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 (BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Chemistry with Lab: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216
 - English Composition
 - Physics with Lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
- Minimum 100 hours in two or more physical therapy facilities and/or clinical settings
 - A minimum of 40 hours per facility or clinical setting is required.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
 - One from a college instructor; One from a supervising physical therapist; One from either a licensed therapist or college instructor
- Personal Statement* (Topic varies every year)
- GRE required with no minimum score on the verbal and quantitative sections, and 3.5 on the analytical writing section.