



Health Professions Pathways Program (H3P)

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PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY RECOMMENDED COURSEWORK

Physical therapy schools do not require a specific undergraduate major for admission; however, they do expect applicants to complete foundational coursework in the basic sciences. The Health Professions Pathways Program, in collaboration with campus academic partners, recommends the following coursework to help students meet common U.S. physical therapy school prerequisites and prepare for competitive admission.

Because prerequisite requirements vary among PT schools, these recommendations may not satisfy all requirements for every institution. Coursework beyond the recommendations listed below may be required or recommended by specific PT schools. Additionally, some PT schools may accept equivalent coursework that fulfills the same subject requirement. Students should use these recommendations as a guide, consult with their academic advisors, and verify requirements through the [PTCAS Program Directory](#) and individual program websites.

RECOMMENDED GU COURSEWORK ALIGNED WITH COMMON PT SCHOOL PREREQUISITES	CREDITS
3 Semesters of Biology	
BIOL 105/L Info Flow in Biological Systems with lab	4
BIOL 170/L Intro to Microbiology with lab or BIOL 370/L Microbiology with lab	4
1 semester of upper-division Biology, Human Physiology, or Kinesiology (<i>varies by PT school</i>)	4
2 Semesters of Chemistry	
CHEM 101/L General Chemistry with lab	4
CHEM 102/L General Chemistry II with lab	4
2 Semesters of Anatomy & Physiology	
HPHY 241/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab	4
HPHY 242/L Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab	4
1 Semester of Mathematics	
MATH 121 Statistics	3
2 Semesters of Physics	
PHYS 111/L General Physics I with lab or PHYS 121 Physics I with lab	5
PHYS 112/L General Physics II with lab or PHYS 122 Physics II with lab	5
2 Semesters of Psychology	
PSYC 101 Psychology	3
PSYC 364 Abnormal Psych or PSYC 390 Psychopathology or PSYC 357 Lifespan Dev. (<i>varies by PT school</i>)	3
TOTAL	47

Additional Considerations:

- AP, IB, and dual-enrollment credit may not satisfy prerequisite requirements.

Student Responsibilities:

Students are responsible for confirming prerequisite or minimum-grade requirements, co-requisites that must be completed concurrently, registration restrictions (major, minor, class standing) and course availability and scheduling. Verify this information through Zagweb, the Gonzaga course catalog, or consultation with an academic advisor.