



Pre-Physical Therapy Advising Sheet

Physical therapists provide treatment or management of physical disability, malfunction, or pain by exercise, massage, hydrotherapy, etc., without the use of medicines or surgery. All professional (entry-level) physical therapist educational programs currently award a Master's or Doctoral (DPT) degree and are usually three years long. The first two years are focused on academic and clinical course work including relevant clinical rotations. The third year consists of challenging clinical experiences, as well as advanced courses and seminars. All states require PT's to have graduated from an accredited PT educational program, as well as pass a national licensure exam.

Common Pre-Physical Therapy Prerequisite Courses		
Biology	One year	BIO 1210/L, BIO 1220/L
General Chemistry	One year of general chemistry w/labs	CHM 1210/L, CHM 1220/L
Anatomy	One semester is general required	BIO 2340
Physiology	One semester is general required	BIO 2350, BIO 4240, BIO 4460
Psychology	At least one course in PSY is generally required. Some require two, preferably introductory and abnormal or developmental. Check individual schools	PSY 2201, PSY 3305, PSY 4150
Statistics	At least one semester is required	STA 1200 or STA 1300
Physics	One year of general physics w/labs	PHY 1210/L, PHY 1220L, OR PHY 1510, PHY 1520

Resources

- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA): www.apta.org
- Physical Therapy centralized application services (PTCAS): www.ptcas.org
- California Physical Therapy Association: <https://www.ccapta.org>