



Physical Therapy Graduate Information

Weber State University | Dumke College of Health Professions

Each Physical Therapy School is unique and have their very own requirements. This checklist reviews common admissions, selection, and prerequisites, but may not cover all requirements for every school. It is the student's responsibility to contact multiple schools, see what each of them require, and then work backwards to create *their own academic plan*.

✓ Common Admissions and Selection Process

___ Is your college/university overall cumulative GPA at least **3.0**? ***Most require 3.0 and higher.**

*To be competitive you will want your GPA to be 3.4 and higher.

___ Interviews

*To develop your interview skills, resume writing, and help with using Handshake and LinkedIn, see Career Services. weber.edu/CareerServices

___ Written Essays

*Look up examples online from students who have been accepted and visit the Writing Center. weber.edu/WritingCenter

___ Observation/Patient Hours (100+ hours minimum, more is better.)

*Try to acquire patient hours in different settings (i.e. outpatient, inpatient, home health, clinic, hospital, rehabilitation, sports facilities, etc.)

___ 3-4 Letters of Recommendations or Letters of Reference

___ Most programs require specific scores on the Graduate Record Examinations (GREs).

*GRE scores are used by most PT schools admissions committee. From data collected, we can easily deduce that a 155+ Verbal, 155+ Quantitative, and a 4.0+ on the essay writing is generally considered a competitive score for Physical therapy (PT) programs.

___ They require courses with letter grades will be evaluated, majority of AP Scores will not be accepted.

___ Many programs require the science classes be current within 5-7 years.

Additional Important Information

The Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) is a service of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). PTCAS allows applicants to use a single application and one set of materials to apply to multiple DPT programs. You will turn in all the required materials, essays, reference letters, observation or paid physical therapy patient experience to this website:

<http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx>.

<https://ptcasdirectory.apta.org/5287/Comparison-of-Course-Prerequisites-by-Program>

Some PT programs only accept anatomy and/or physiology courses completed in a biology, neuroscience, anatomy/physiology or integrated department. PT programs may not accept a combined anatomy and physiology (A&P) course or those completed in other departments, such as kinesiology. Be aware that some schools require Biology classes but they will not take Zoology classes. The U of U will accept the Health Sciences or Zoology series. Research more schools to learn of their requirements.

✓ Common Prerequisite Requirements

Human Anatomy and Physiology Science Requirements

Track I

- ___ HTHS 1110 LS Int. Anat/Phy I
- ___ HTHS 1111 Int. Anat/Phy II
- ___ ESS 3510 Exercise Physiology

OR

Track II

- ___ ZOOL Human Anatomy 2100
- ___ ZOOL LS Human Physiology 2200
- ___ ESS 3510 Exercise Physiology

Highly Recommend: ESS 3450 Structural Kinesiology for both tracks.

Science Requirements

Math Requirements

- ___ Math 1050 QL College Algebra AND
- ___ Math 1060 Trigonometry

OR

- ___ Math 1080 QL Pre-Calculus OR
- ___ Math 1210 QL Calculus I

Physics Requirements

- ___ Physics 2010 PS College Physics I AND
- ___ Physics 2020 College Physics II

Chemistry Requirements

- ___ CHEM 1210 PS Principles of Chem I AND
 - ___ CHEM 1220 Principles of Chem II
- (Prereq Chem 1200 or dept. approval)

Potential Zoology (Biology) Requirements

- ___ Zoology 1110 LS Principles of Zoology
- ___ Microbiology 2054 LS Principles of Microbiology (after Chemistry 1200 or with Chemistry 1210)
- ___ Zoology 3200 Cell Biology (after Zoology 1110 and Chemistry 1200 series)
- ___ Zoology 3300 Genetics (after Zoology 1110 and Math 1050 QL)

Required Supplemental Courses

- ___ PSY 1010 SS Intro to Psychology
- ___ PSY 3010 Abnormal Psychology

1 Statistics & Research Methods Course

- ___ PSY 3600 Statistics in Psychology

Recommended Supplemental Courses

- ___ HTHS 1101 Medical Terminology*
- ___ ENGL 2250 CA Creative Writing
- ___ NUTR 1020 LS Essentials of Nutrition
- ___ CHF 1500 SS/DV Human Development* OR ___ SOC 1010 SS/DV Intro to Sociology
- ___ COMM 1020 HU Public Speaking OR ___ COMM 2110 HU Interp. & Small Group Comm.

* = most common

If you speak a foreign language, consider FL 2600 HU Introduction to Cultural and Literary Studies in Translation or FL 2851 Study Aboard for a Humanities option.