

Course Prerequisites for Physical Therapy

Due to variation in each school's curriculum, the following is merely a guideline of typical requirements. To determine the exact requirements for each program, the student should work with their academic advisor to review each school to which he/she is applying.

A bachelor's degree is required for entry into a Physical therapy program. Most applicants are also required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) for admission into the program. The GRE measures the applicant's verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and analytical writing. For more information about GRE and preparation for the exam visit <https://www.ets.org/gre/>

SMSU Course Number	Pre-Requisite courses for Program	Semester Credit Hours
Biol 200	Introduction to cellular biology with lab	4
Biol 305/306	Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Lab	8
Biol XXX	An additional biology course—check with school to determine best choice.	4
Chem 231/232	General Chemistry I and II with lab	10
Phys 141/142	College Physics I and II with lab	8
Math 200	Statistics	3
Psych 101	General Psychology	3
Psych XXX	One or two additional applied psychology courses covering developmental and/or abnormal psychology	3-6
Additional Recommended courses		
Exsc 100	Anatomical kinesiology with lab	4
Exsc 300	Biomechanics of Human Motion	3
Exsc XXX	Upper level courses in exercise science	
Biol 101	Medical Terminology	1
Biol 303	Microbiology	3
Chem 473	Biochemistry	3
	CPR certification	