

University of Southern Indiana
Pre-Physical Therapy

The entry level Physical Therapist is a Doctoral (DPT) degree. Students can be admitted to PT school with a Bachelor's degree with any major as long as they have completed all of the prerequisite courses. Admission to PT programs is competitive with 2-3 applicants for each seat available. A GPA of 3.0 is usually required and the average GPA of accepted applicants is approximately 3.6. PT schools generally require a substantial amount (well over 100 hours) of volunteer experience with physical therapy in different settings, such as hospitals, PT clinics, nursing homes, and rehab centers.

The following courses are typically required for PT programs: BIOL 121/122, CHEM 261/262, PHYS 175/176, MATH 241, PSY 201, PSY 261, PSY 322, and HP 115. **Requirements vary by university and you should confirm with each program in which you are interested.** The following courses are a typical course of study for a biology major interested in admission to PT school:

<u>Fall Year 1</u>	
CHEM 261	4
BIOL 141	4
MATH 111	4
ENG 101	3
UNIV 101	1
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<u>Spring Year 1</u>	
CHEM 262	4
BIOL 151	3
MATH 241	3
ENG 201	3
KIN 192	1
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<u>Fall Year 2</u>	
CHEM 353	4
BIOL 152	3
CMST 101/107	3
PSY 201	3
Core Elective	3
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<u>Spring Year 2</u>	
CHEM 354	4
BIOL 333	4
SOC 121	3
HP 115	2
Core Elective	3
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<u>Fall Year 3</u>	
BIOL 334	3
PHYS 175	4
BIOL 121	4
PSY 322	3
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<u>Spring Year 3</u>	
BIOL 215	3
PHYS 176	4
BIOL 122	4
PSY 261	3
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<u>Fall Year 4</u>	
BIOL 382	4
BIOL Electives	6
Core Electives	6
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<u>Spring Year 4</u>	
BIOL 481	3
BIOL Electives	6
Core Electives	6
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This is a **suggested** sequence of courses. There is some flexibility in this schedule. Courses taken in first year depend on math placement. In order to graduate, you must fulfill 39 credit hours at 300/400 level.

Contact the Biology Office (812-465-1084) to be put in touch with a Pre-PT advisor.