The entry level degree for physical therapists is either a master’s (MPT) or doctoral (DPT) degree. The current trend is for PT schools to shift to DPT programs; either degree will qualify you for licensing as a physical therapist. Most PT programs require about three years of full-time study after completion of a bachelor’s degree.

Students can be admitted to PT school with a bachelor’s degree in any major, as long as they have completed all the prerequisites. Most universities, including USI, do not have a “Pre-PT” major.

Admission to PT programs is competitive, with 2-3 applicants for each place available. A GPA of 3.0 is usually required, and the average GPA of accepted applicants is something like 3.6. PT schools generally require a substantial amount (well over 100 documented hours) of volunteer experience with physical therapy in different settings such as hospitals, PT clinics, nursing homes, rehab centers.

As an example, these are the course prerequisites for the IUPUI Doctor of Physical Therapy program, with the appropriate USI course listed:

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<th>IUPUI DPT Prerequisites</th>
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<td>Human Anatomy w/ lab - minimum 4 credits</td>
<td>Biol 121 &amp; 122</td>
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<td>Chem 261 &amp; 262</td>
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<td>General College Physics w/lab - 8 credits</td>
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Other Recommended Courses

Medical Terminology                       | HP 115               |
Abnormal Psychology                        | Psy 322              |
Biomechanics/Kinesiology                   | PED 391, PED 383     |

Also from the IUPUI requirements:

“In addition to the above prerequisite course work, students must also have documented voluntary or paid experiences in a variety (more than two) of physical therapy settings. The supervisors of these experiences will submit a reference form to the admissions committee.”

“Students must demonstrate proficiency in medical terminology prior to entering the professional program. Students need to be competent writers and demonstrate computer literacy including e-mail, Internet, database searches, spreadsheet and word processing capabilities.”

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The following contact information and much more is available from the American Physical Therapy Association website (http://www.apta.org/Education/accreditation/Dir_Acc_PT_ED_Prog)

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(A1) Program has multiple admission dates  
(A2) Program admits students at the freshman level  
(A3) Program admits transfer students  
(A4) Program requires Bachelor's degree for admission  
(A5) Program admits women students only  
(A6) Program is designed for PTAs  
(A7) Program accepts candidates for 2nd Bachelor's degree  
(D4) Program culminates in combined Bachelor's/Master's degrees  
(D5) Program culminates in Master's degree  
(D6) Program culminates in Doctoral degree  
(E3) Program has accredited expansion programs  
(E4) Program is expansion of accredited program  
(E5) Institution offers both PT and PTA programs  
(F1) Program is offered in full-time day format  
(PL) Public  
(PR) Private