PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING CENTER



Pre-PT students have at least two academic advisors- an academic major advisor and a pre-professional advisor.

The major advisor's primary goal is to help students understand what they must do to complete the requirements of their major (bachelor's degree).

The pre-professional advisor's primary goal is to help students understand what they must do to become competitive applicants to physical therapy professional schools.

Information on Majors

Students interested in a career in physical therapy will select one of the 250 majors offered at K-State and declare their pre-PT designation.



While a particular major is not required for application to Physical Therapy programs, the most common majors are:

 Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Sciences, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Integrative Physiology, Kinesiology, Life Sciences, Nutrition and Health, Psychology

PREREQUISITE COURSES		HOURS
ENGL 100	EXPOSITORY WRITING I	3
ENGL 200	EXPOSITORY WRITING II	3
BIOL 198	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	4
COMM 106	PUBLIC SPEAKING	3
BIOL 441	HUMAN BODY I	4
BIOL 442	HUMAN BODY II	4
OR		
KIN 360	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	8
CLSCS 105	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	2
	(LATIN & GREEK FOR SCIENTISTS)	
PSYCH 110	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY*	3
MATH 150	PLANE TRIGONOMETRY	3
OR		
MATH 220	CALCULUS	3
STAT 225	INTRO TO STATISTICS	3
CHM 210	CHEMISTRY I	4
CHM 230	CHEMISTRY II	4
PHYS 113	GENERAL PHYSICS I	4
PHYS 114	GENERAL PHYSICS II	4
KIN 335	EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY	4
UPPER LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY COURSE		3
(INTRO TO PSYCHO PATHOLOGY OR OTHER)		
BIOL 255	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
KIN 330	BIOMECHANICS	3
PHILO 365	MEDICAL ETHICS	3
OR		
PHILO 130	INTRO TO MORAL PHILOSOPHY	3

- Requirements at individual PT schools vary, visit with your health professions advisor for details
- We highly recommend that all pre-requisite courses be taken for a grade
- Some schools require pre-requisite courses to be completed at the undergraduate level
- For information about honors courses please visit: https://www.k-state.edu/ksuhonors/courses/

COMMON PT SCHOOLS OF K-STATE GRADS



University of Kansas Wichita State University University of Saint Mary Rockhurst University University of Missouri



SOURCE: KSU COLLEGE-TO-CAREER STATISTICS

ADVICE FOR PRE-PT STUDENTS

- Take the highest level courses available to you, particularly in math and science.
- Study to learn, not to memorize; work to develop critical thinking skills and effective study habits.
- Learn about your desired health career through shadowing, seeking out a job that is relevant to your desired Pre-Health profession, or research the profession thoroughly online.
- Volunteer and serve your community
- Broaden your knowledge to develop an appreciation for different ways of thinking and living through reading or interacting with those who have different backgrounds, socioeconomic status or lifestyles.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Pre-Physical Therapy Club provides an opportunity to meet other Pre-Physical Therapy students and become involved both professionally and socially. The club holds regular meetings that feature guest speakers from professional schools, community service agencies, and providers.

Pre-Health Ambassadors promote pride in, and develop awareness of, options within Pre-Health among prospective students, parents, alumni and the general public. The Ambassadors are a group of undergraduate students who volunteer their time and talents at special K-State events.

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the National Health Preprofessional Honor Society and welcomes all students engaged in the pursuit of professional development, provides a forum for students with common interests, and extends a program of service to benefit the college/university community.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Students must earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission to a physical therapy (PT) school.

In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students must complete the courses required by the PT schools to which they plan to apply.

Requirements at individual PT schools vary.

Some schools require completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Most PT programs take 3 years to complete.

Students who complete PT school will receive a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.



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