

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND  
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

This flyer outlines the entrance requirements for the three accredited Physical Therapy programs in the state of Indiana. No two physical therapy programs have exactly the same entrance requirements, so you will need to determine the specific entrance requirements for each physical therapy school you plan to apply to, and make sure that you incorporate all required courses into your degree program.

A Bachelor's degree is required prior to admission to physical therapy school, which leads to a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Students may major in any subject, but the most common majors are Biology and Psychology due to the overlap between the degree requirements and entrance requirements for physical therapy school. When choosing a major, you should choose a subject area that allows you the potential to pursue other career options as well as physical therapy.

Specific coursework that must be completed prior to admission to each Indiana physical therapy school is listed below. Once you have declared a major, you will need to be advised by an academic advisor in that department regarding the requirements for a Bachelor's degree in that subject. You must include the courses listed below as part of your curriculum no matter what degree you choose to pursue; each science course must be for science majors, not general education or survey courses, and must include both a lecture and laboratory component except as listed. Please check the current Bulletin for information about Math Placement Level requirements and other pre-requisites for these courses.

### **Indiana University School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences**

Chemistry C105/C125 - Principles of Chemistry I/Experimental Chemistry I (5 cr)

Chemistry C106/C126 - Principles of Chemistry II/Experimental Chemistry II (5 cr)

Physics P201 or P221 - Physics I (5 cr)

Physics P202 or P222 - Physics II (5 cr)

Physiology P261 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (5 cr)

Physiology P262 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (5 cr)

Psychology P103 - General Psychology (3 cr)

Psychology P216 - Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3 cr)

One course in statistics (Biology L220 or Math M261 or Math K310 or Psychology P354)

At least 6 credit hours in additional Humanities or Social Sciences coursework

The IU physical therapy program minimum requirements are a 3.2 cumulative GPA and a 3.2 science and math GPA - any applicant who does not meet these requirements will be rejected without review. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is also required. A minimum of 40 hours of physical therapy observation is required. Applications are accepted August 1 through October 15 for matriculation the following fall. See the IUPUI Department of Physical Therapy website at [http://shrs.iupui.edu/physical\\_therapy/](http://shrs.iupui.edu/physical_therapy/) for additional information.

### **University of Indianapolis**

Biology L102 - Introduction to the Biological Sciences II (5 cr)

Chemistry C105/C125 - Principles of Chemistry I/Experimental Chemistry I (5 cr)

Chemistry C106/C126 - Principles of Chemistry II/Experimental Chemistry II (5 cr)

English W131 - Elementary Composition (3 cr)

Physics P201 or P221 - Physics I (5 cr)

Physics P202 or P222 - Physics II (5 cr)

Physiology P261 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (5 cr)

Physiology P262 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (5 cr)

One course in statistics (Biology L220 or Math K300 or Math K310)

Two courses in the behavioral sciences (anthropology, psychology or sociology)

Minimum 3.0 GPA, both cumulative (overall) and specifically in math and science coursework. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is also required. Applications are accepted until mid-October for matriculation the following fall; see the Krannett School of Physical Therapy website at <http://pt.uindy.edu> for specific application deadlines each year and additional information.

### **University of Evansville**

Biology L102 - Introduction to the Biological Sciences II lecture and lab (5 cr)

Chemistry C105/C125 - Principles of Chemistry I lecture and lab (5 cr)

Chemistry C106/C126 - Principles of Chemistry II lecture and lab (5 cr)

Chemistry C341/C343 - Organic Chemistry I lecture and lab (5 cr)

Nursing B105 - Medical Terminology (1 cr)

Physics P201 or P221 - Physics I (5 cr)

Physics P202 or P222 - Physics II (5 cr)

Physiology P261 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (5 cr)

Physiology P262 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (5 cr)

Psychology P103 - General Psychology (3 cr)

Sociology S161 - Principles of Sociology (3 cr) *strongly recommended*

Minimum 3.0 GPA, both cumulative (overall) and specifically in math and science coursework. Minimum of sixty hours of observation required. Applications are accepted July 1st through mid-October for matriculation the following fall; see the Department of Physical Therapy website at <http://pt.evansville.edu/ptrequirements/criteria/transfer.htm#one> for specific application deadlines each year and additional information.

Most physical therapy programs require that you complete a specified number of hours of observation of licensed physical therapists prior to applying for admission; see the individual program websites for the number of hours required and any requirements regarding the setting(s) in which the observations take place. If you are applying to a program that requires verification of your observation hours by the physical therapist you observed, this can be done electronically through the American Physical Therapy Association website or on a paper form that you can download and print off; see <http://www.ptcas.org/PTHours/> for additional information and the verification form. Additional information about physical therapy, including a list of every accredited physical therapy program in the U.S., can be found at the American Physical Therapy Association website, <http://www.apta.org>. Students interested in completing pre-physical therapy course work at IU South Bend should contact the Department of Biological Sciences soon after admission to discuss an appropriate degree program.