

# INTERESTED IN PHYSICAL THERAPY ?



## Major:

No specific major is required; however, science majors and minors are recommended, because they include a majority of the prerequisite courses.

## Prerequisites:

To know exactly which courses you must take, check the prerequisite course list on your program of interest, or check PTCAS at <https://ptcasdirectory.apta.org/5287/Comparison-of-Course-Prerequisites-by-Program>.

Prerequisite Courses/Competencies	Number of Programs with Requirement*	Suggested BYUH Courses
Anatomy/Physiology	235	BIO 260/L, 261/L
Chemistry**	236	CHEM 105/L, 106/L
Statistics/Math**	236	MATH 121, 212, 111
Physics (General, Algebra or Calculus Based)	237	PHYS 105/L and 106/L OR 121/L and 220/L or 221/L
General Biology/Biology**	212	BIOL 112/L, 113, 376/L, 220/L
English/Writing	46	ENGL 101, 315 or 316
Psychology/Social & Behavioral Sciences	226	PSYC 111, 210, 350, 440

▪ Most programs accept advanced placement (AP) credits as long as a consequent, higher level course is taken in college. We recommend checking with your program of interest if and which AP credits are accepted.

\* 241 PT programs were surveyed.

\*\* Taking additional courses in these subjects can be beneficial when applying. For example Genetics, Microbiology, Exercise Physiology, Kinesiology, Medical Terminology, Communication, Ethics, and Nutrition and wellness courses are often not required for PT programs, but could help you become competitive when applying for PT school. Check with your individual program directly.

## Graduate Record Examinations (GRE):

- The GRE exam has three sections: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative reasoning, and Writing.
- The majority of the prerequisite courses do prepare you for the GRE. However, if you feel certain areas of your knowledge could use improvement, taking appropriate additional courses is recommended.
- Begin preparing for the GRE exam 3-4 months before taking it.
- Refer to the official GRE site for more information- <https://www.ets.org/gre>

## Timeline:

- Alert your academic advisor as soon as possible if you are planning to attend PT school.
- For general information on application dates and deadlines, refer to the PTCAS calendar - <http://www.ptcas.org/Calendar/>
- Dates may vary. Check with your programs of interest.

### JUNIOR YEAR



Around January :  
Start GRE preparation



Around May :  
Take GRE



June :  
Application submission begins



Winter :  
Interviews



August :  
PT School start date