

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

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The educational requirements for admission to a physical therapy program vary from school to school. Many programs require a BS degree; some will accept applicants after three years of undergraduate education. The following courses are those required by the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Division of Physical Therapy Education for admission to their program. These courses also meet the requirements for entry into the Creighton University Program in Physical Therapy. Students pursuing a pre-physical therapy program are also expected to pursue a college major.¹

Competition for places in professional schools of physical therapy is intense and admission is not guaranteed.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
BIOL 225	Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 226	Anatomy and Physiology	4
CHEM 160 & 160L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Laboratory	4
CHEM 161 & 161L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Laboratory	4
ENG 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
ENG 102	Special Topics in Academic Writing and Research	3
PHYS 205 & 205L	General Physics I and Physics I Laboratory	5
PHYS 206 & 206L	General Physics II and Physics Laboratory II	5
Select 2 of the following:		8
BIOL 103	General Biology	
BIOL 105	Biology I	
BIOL 106	Biology II	
BIOL 211	Human Microbiology	
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOL 305	BioStatistics	
PSY 250	Behavioral Statistics	
STAT 241	Elementary Statistics	
PSY 230	Human Development	3
or PSY 231	Abnormal Behavior and Society	
Select 3 credit hours of elective courses in social science ²		3
Total Credit Hours		49-50

Additional Requirements

- University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) requires a Bachelor's Degree for admission.
- Creighton University does not require a Bachelor's Degree. Students must identify their major emphasis of study and satisfactorily complete 9 upper level (300/400) credit hours towards that emphasis prior to matriculation.
- Shadowing/Observation Requirements: Creighton University requires a minimum of 60 hours of observation supervised by a

physical therapist. UNMC has no formal requirement for volunteer, observation, or employment experiences in the field of physical therapy. However, broad exposure to the field is to the applicant's personal benefit and is encouraged.

- UNMC and Creighton University require students to submit scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Students applying to Schools of Physical Therapy outside Nebraska should check with these schools to ensure that other requirements are fulfilled.

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Students pursuing a program of study in pre-physical therapy are expected to choose a major so that they can be working towards a baccalaureate degree concurrently with the pre-physical therapy program. This requires a major/minor combination or a comprehensive major as well as completion of the UNK general studies requirements and other degree requirements as set forth in the college catalog. (Students who are accepted into physical therapy school prior to completing a baccalaureate degree at UNK may be eligible to receive a BS Degree in Applied Health Sciences (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/health-science-programs/applied-health-sciences-bs/>) if they have completed all General Studies requirements (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/general-studies/general-studies-courses/>) and have at least 85 semester credit hours completed in pre-PT studies.)

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Appropriate options include courses in anthropology, community health, criminal justice, cultural geography, ethnic studies, human sexuality, marriage/family, personal health, psychology, social science, social work, sociology and women's studies.