

CERRITOS COLLEGE PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY CAREER PATHWAY

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The requirements listed for the major are subject to change without notice. It is the student's responsibility to check for the most recent information with a Cerritos College counselor or by consulting ASSIST at www.assist.org. **Note:** Courses listed may require prerequisite coursework.

(The following curriculum does not lead to an Associate in Arts Degree)

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is the required degree to become a licensed physical therapist as of 2015. For specific information on schools not listed here please consult the catalogs of those schools and speak to a counselor.

California State University – Long Beach

California State University, Long Beach offers an entry-level physical therapy professional curriculum that leads to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. To prepare for the 3-year program students must follow an undergraduate program which includes appropriate physical, biological, and behavioral science prerequisite courses before applying to the program. All students applying must hold or be eligible to hold a Bachelor's degree. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Average cum GPA for accepted students was 3.64. The average prerequisite GPA for accepted students was 3.75. In order to be considered competitive, the applicants overall and prerequisite GPA's should both be at least 3.50. Additional information can be found at:

http://catalog.csulb.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=7&poid=3432

CSULB Lower Division Prerequisites:

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A&P	150	Introduction to Human Anatomy	4
and A&P	151	Introduction to Human Physiology	4
or A&P	200	Human Anatomy	(5)
and A&P	201	Human Physiology	4
BIOL	200	Principles of Biology	5
BIOL	201	Principles of Biology	5
CHEM	111	General Chemistry	5
CHEM	112	General Chemistry	5
PHYS	101	General Physics	4
PHYS	102	General Physics	4
PSYC	101	General Introductory Psychology	3
MATH	112	Elementary Statistics	4
MATH	1112S	Elementary Statistics	4.5
or PSYC	210	Elementary Statistics	4

California State University – Northridge

The DPT degree prepares students for licensure as physical therapists. The program requires three academic years and three summers to complete. Full-time enrollment is necessary including summers. All students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher throughout the program.

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree in any major and the following prerequisite courses. Please read about additional requirements at:
<https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/doctor-physical-therapy-dpt-professional-degree>

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California State University – Northridge (cont.)

A&P	200	Human Anatomy	5
and A&P	201	Human Physiology	5
or A&P	150	Introduction to Human Anatomy	(4)
and A&P	151	Introduction to Human Physiology	4
BIOL	120	Introduction to Biological Science	4
CHEM	111	General Chemistry	5
CHEM	112	General Chemistry	5
MATH	112	Elementary Statistics	4
MATH	1112S	Elementary Statistics	4.5
or PSYC	210	Elementary Statistics	(4)
PHYS	101	General Physics	4
PHYS	102	General Physics	4
PSYC	101	General Introductory Psychology	3

California State University – Fresno

The Department of Physical Therapy offers an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. A student applying to become a Physical Therapist applies to the entry-level DPT program. Admissions to the entry level DPT graduate program requires that an individual possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, an overall 3.0 GPA on all completed upper division coursework and complete all prerequisites requirements prior to beginning the professional major. Students are only admitted for fall semester. Admission to the entry-level, 3-year DPT requires the following requirements.

Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Chemistry (Inorganic, Organic or Biochemistry with labs, 2 semesters, Physics with lab including mechanics, heat, light and electricity. General Psychology, Psychological Aspects of Disability or Abnormal Psychology and Introduction to basic statistics. Please consult www.assist.org for more information regarding specific courses. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.fresnostate.edu/catalog/subjects/physical-therapy/docphysthr.html>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Physical Therapists help persons with various diseases or injuries to overcome their disabilities. They are members of a rehabilitation team, which is directed by a physician. Although qualified Physical Therapists may treat many types of patients, some specialize in caring for children or for patients with arthritis, amputations or paralysis. Successful completion of a Bachelor or Master's degree qualifies one to take the State of California examination to practice as a Physical Therapist.

See State University Colleges General Education list.