



Pre-Physical Therapy Preparation

Physical Therapists work with patients to regain mobility and strength after accidents or injury. They work with people of all ages, in schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. Students should maintain a grade point average near or above 3.40/4.00, with a high Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Most programs also require 45+ experience hours in the field of health care (preferably physical therapy, either actual or through observation). Below are the requirements to be considered for admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs. Physical Therapy schools do not favor any particular major. A major should be chosen **completely on the student's interests and goals.** Aerospace Physiology, Biomedical Engineering, Human Factors Psychology with a business, biomedical, or chemistry minor are a few programs of studies to consider. Most importantly, these schools are seeking individuals who are well rounded in their educational background and applied experiences. More information about the profession can be found through the **American Physical Therapy Association** <http://www.apta.org>

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Coursework in humanities and social sciences (**especially additional psychology and sociology**) are often required. ERAU Worldwide offers an array of social science courses that fulfill these requirements.

English		Biology	
COM 122	English Composition	BIO 120/L	Foundations of Biology I w/Lab
COM219	Speech Communication	BIO 121/L	Foundations of Biology II w/Lab
		BIO 305/L	Human Anatomy & Phys. I w/Lab
		BIO 306/L	Human Anatomy & Phys. II w/Lab
Chemistry		Physics	
CHM 110/L	General Chem. I w/Lab	PS 113/L	Introductory Physics I w/Lab
CHM-111/L	General Chem. II w/Lab	PS 117/L	Introductory Physics II w/Lab
Math		Human Factors / Psychology	
MA **	General Education Math	HF 312*	Ergonomics and Bioengineering
MA 222 or	Business Statistics or	PSY 101	Intro to Psychology
PSY 312/L	Research Analysis in Psych. w/ Lab	PSY 365	Abnormal Psychology

* Recommended

**Note: PT math requirements vary – check entry requirements at your destination schools.

Students should always consult the admission requirements for their focal schools. A list of Physical Therapy Schools in the state of Florida can be found through the Florida Physical Therapy Association <http://www.fpta.org/>.