

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Pre-Physical Therapy is a pre-professional advising track. Pre-professional tracks provide students with the intellectual and academic backgrounds they will need before continuing their education in degrees not offered at Minnesota State Mankato. Acceptance to professional educational institutions is contingent upon academic performance, so students enrolling in a pre-professional track should be highly motivated and realize they are expected to maintain standards of excellence.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Pre-Physical Therapy is an advising track that focuses on pre-requisite courses for graduate programs, not a degree program. An undergraduate degree is required along with the Pre-Physical Therapy track.

Majors to Consider with a Physical Therapy Concentration:

- Exercise Science
- Biology
- Applied Health Science

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Pre-Physical Therapy track is primarily science-oriented and meets the standard requirements for admission to most physical therapy programs.

Most schools require a Bachelor's degree before applying for admission, although some still accept students following two or three years of college preparation.

Advisors play an important role in guiding the students enrolled in such a plan of study, so students are urged to contact the advisor before enrolling.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Resourcefulness
- Knowledge of Physical Therapy
- Time-Management Skills
- Empathy and Compassion
- Attention to Detail

CAREERS

- Physical Therapist

EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Private Practices
- Home Health Agencies
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Nursing Homes
- Medical Clinics

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.8%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$99,710

The median annual wage for Physical Therapists in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapists at link.mnsu.edu/physical-therapists-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



link.mnsu.edu/prephysicaltherapy

COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVISING TRACK

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY CONCENTRATION COURSES

- BIOL 105 General Biology I (4)
- BIOL 106 General Biology II (4)
- BIOL 201 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
BIOL 202 Anatomy and Physiology II (4) **OR**
BIOL 325 Principles of Human Anatomy (4) **OR**
- BIOL 330 Principles of Human Physiology (4)
- PHYS 211 Principles of Physics I (4)
- PHYS 212 Principles of Physics II (4)
- MATH 112 College Algebra (4) **AND**
MATH 113 Trigonometry (3) **OR**
MATH 115 Precalculus Mathematics (4)
- STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4)
- CHEM 201 General Chemistry I (5)
- CHEM 202 General Chemistry II (5)
- PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
- KSP 235 Human Development (3) Recommendation only; see graduate program requirements
- PSYC 455 Abnormal Psychology (4)
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (4) Recommendation only; see graduate program requirements
- HLTH 321 Medical Terminology (3)
- HP 260 Introduction to Exercise Science and Practitioner-Based Professions (3) Recommendation only; see graduate program requirements

Total: 53–66 credits

Check the specific prerequisite courses of programs you plan to apply to and tailor the above list to meet those requirements. Also note observation hour requirements in a clinical physical therapy setting (work, volunteer, or shadow) for each program of interest. Exposure to multiple and varied areas of PT practice is highly recommended.

For more information about program requirements, visit:
mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog

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