



PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
GENERAL ACADEMIC BUILDING 220

A physical therapist is a member of the health-care team whose primary responsibility is to test, evaluate, and treat patients with acute or prolonged movement dysfunction. Treatments are planned and implemented to restore normal health and function to the body. This is done through patient and family education, a planned program of exercise and the use of a variety of physical agents such as heat, cold, light, water or electricity. Physical therapy specialization with certification in areas such as pediatrics, orthopedics, sports medicine, cardiopulmonary, electrophysiology, and geriatrics has become common and desirable.

Physical Therapists are licensed by the state in which they practice. Accreditation of education programs is by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Entry-level education in physical therapy may occur at the baccalaureate level or post-baccalaureate level. There are ten physical therapy programs in Texas. Please see below for contact information.

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The following schools in Texas offer the **Doctoral Degree** in Physical Therapy:

Texas State University School of Allied Health Sciences
www.health.txstate.edu/pt/index.htm
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.2

UTMB School of Allied Health Sciences
<http://sahs.utmb.edu/programs/pt/>
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.59

Texas Tech Univ. Health Sciences Center
www.ttuhsc.edu
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.5

The UT Southwestern Medical Center
www.utsouthwestern.edu
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.68

U.S. Army-Baylor University
www.cs.amedd.army.mil/baylorpt
2009 average GPA of admitted students: unknown

Texas Woman's University
www.twu.edu/pt
2009 average GPA of admitted students: unknown

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio
<http://www.uthscsa.edu/sah/pt/>
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.5

Hardin Simmons University
www.hsutx.edu
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.7

University of North Texas Health Science Center
www.hsc.unt.edu
1st class will be admitted fall 2010

Angelo State University
www.angelo.edu/dept/physical_therapy/
2009 average GPA of admitted students: 3.44

The following school in Texas offers the **Master's Degree** in Physical Therapy:

University of Texas at El Paso
<http://academics.utep.edu/>
2009 average GPA of admitted students: unknown

Physical Therapy Prerequisites – Texas Physical Therapy Schools

KEY: Texas State University=TSU; Texas Tech=TT; UT Health Science Center San Antonio=UT-HSC SA; US Army/Baylor=US Army; UT Southwestern=UTSW; UNT Health Science Center=UNT-HSC; UT Medical Branch=UTMB; UT El Paso=UTEP; Texas Women's University=TWU; Angelo State University=ASU; Hardin Simmons University=HSU

Please check with the PT track advisor in each of the PT departments of each school for the most recent information concerning prerequisites and deadlines since schools change requirements without notice.

Prerequisites	TSU	TT	UT-HSC SA	US Army	UTSW	UTMB	UTEP	TWU	ASU	HSU	UNT-HSC
BIOL 1710/1730		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
BIOL 1720/1740		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
BIOL 2301/2311	X	X	X		X			^c X	X		recommended
BIOL 2302/2312	X	X	X		X			^c X	X		recommended
BIOL 3000				^b X						^d X	
BIOL 3800/3810	X		recommended	^b X		X	X		X	^d X	
BIOL 3500 (2hrs)	^a X		X		recommended			X			recommended
CHEM 1410/1430	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 1420/1440	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PHYS 1410/1430	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PHYS 1420/1440	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSYC 1630	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PSYC 3620	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MATH 1100		X	X		X	X		X			
MATH 1680	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	recommended
MATH 1650								X	X		
ENGL 1310		X	X			X	X		X		
ENGL 1320							X				
ENGL 2700		X	X			X	X		X		
COMM 2040			X			X	X			X	
SOCI 1510			X	X		X					
HIST 2610 & 2620			X								
PSCI 1040 & 1050			X								

^aTSU: requires 3 hours of medical terminology

^bUS Army/Baylor: requires 4 hours of physiology and 4 hours of anatomy. You can take lower level A&P I and II but it is preferred that you have upper level physiology and anatomy credit

^cTWU: One semester of general physiology with laboratory (preferably human); or two semesters of anatomy and physiology with laboratory; or one semester of anatomy and physiology with laboratory PLUS one semester of exercise physiology.

^dHSU: if anatomy and physiology are not taken at the junior/senior level, the student may meet this requirement by taking a two semester anatomy & physiology course (lower level) and 1 advanced biology course at the junior/senior level. The advanced course must pertain to humans.

NOTE: Shown above is a composite list of requirements for the physical therapy programs in Texas. Please be aware that program requirements may change without notice and can vary with each school.

It is advised that you perform volunteer work with different types of physical therapists. Each PT school requires different amount of hours – please check their web sites for up-to-date information.

Admission Requirements

KEY
 VS = various settings
 C = competitive GPA

Admission Requirements	TSU	TT	UT-HSC SA	US Army	UTSW	UTMB	UTEP	TWU	ASU	HSU	UNT-HSC
Overall GPA	3.0	C 3.51	3.0	C 3.67	C 3.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0
Science GPA	3.0	C 3.5	3.0	C 3.67	C 3.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Volunteer hrs	no minimum	VS: 100 hrs	VS: 100 hrs	VS: 100 hrs	VS: 350 hrs	VS: 80 hrs	50 hrs	40 hrs	VS: 50 hrs	No minimum	No minimum
GRE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Total hrs	Bachelor degree	Bachelor degree	90 hrs	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor Degree
*Application Deadline	10/15	**9/15	^a 11/15	Contact program	^b 9/1	11/1	Fall :11/1 Spr: 2/1	^c 9/1	2/1	Contact program	1/15
Program length	3 yrs	3 yrs	2 ½ yrs	5 semesters	2 yrs & 7mo	3 yrs	3 yrs	33 mos	36 mos	7 semesters	30 mos
Class Size	40	64	40	24	40	36	24	96	25	24	20

*Be sure to refer to the program's website for application deadline dates. They may change from year to year.
 **Texas Tech has two application deadlines: 9/15 for early admission & 1/15 for regular admission
^aUT-HSC SA will accept applications from 9/1 – 11/15 of each year
^bUTSW has two application deadlines: 9/1 for early admission and 12/1 for regular admission
^cTWU requires a total of 40 hours of volunteer/ work experience with two different licenses PT. You should have 20hrs per licensed PT; has two application deadlines: 9/1 for early admission and 11/1 for regular admission

The professional organization to which the more than 50,000 physical therapists belong is the American Physical Therapy Association. This organization publishes a brochure describing the physical therapy profession together with a listing of all the APTA-accredited physical therapy assistant and physical therapy educational programs. Request a copy of Careers in Physical Therapy...a dynamic health care profession from:

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 Alexandria, Virginia 22314
 800-999-2782

