

Physical Therapy

Physical therapy is a vital part of total health care for patients who have a temporary or permanent disability or pain due to injury, disease, old age, accident, or birth defect. After careful evaluation, physical therapists (PTs) plan and administer treatment programs for patients to restore function, relieve pain, and prevent disability. PTs work in outpatient, inpatient, and community based settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing and extended care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient clinics/offices, home health agencies, and schools (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006).

Working in PT

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment is expected to increase faster than average (27% between 2006 and 2016). About two-thirds of physical therapists work in hospitals or in offices with other health practitioners. The median annual earnings for physical therapists was \$66,200 in 2006.



Important Information when applying to REGIS: You will earn extra points on your application if you take additional courses in the following areas: Communication/Speech; Motor Control; Research Methods; Advanced Statistics; Neuroscience; Biomechanics of Movement; Exercise Physiology; Motor Learning.

Additional Information

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American PT Association (APTA)

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Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

www.gre.org

CSU Pre-Physical Therapy Club

www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/pt/club.cfm

Human Health Pre-Professional Programs

www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/index.cfm



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Health Track Advising

Professional Programs

There are 209 accredited Physical Therapy (PT) programs in the United States (APTA, 2007). Of the accredited programs, 43 offer master's degrees, and 166 offer clinical doctorate degrees. By 2010, 99.5% of programs will be accredited to award the DPT professional degree. The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) requires three years of post-baccalaureate training to complete. More information about the DPT can be found on the APTA web site at www.apta.org/education/dpt/dpt_faq.

For more information about specific physical therapy schools contact: www.apta.org/Education

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Admissions Requirements

Admissions requirements are GENERAL and may differ from school to school. Contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.

- Bachelor's degree
- Competitive cumulative GPA
- Competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score
- Application submitted to each school
- Letters of recommendation (including one from a licensed PT)
- Volunteer or paid experience with a licensed PT
- Interview

Typical Academic Prerequisites

General Biology	(2 semesters w/ labs)
General Chemistry	(2 semesters w/labs)
Organic Chemistry/ Biochemistry	(2 semesters)
General Physics	(2 semesters w/ labs)
Human Anatomy	(1 semester w/lab)
Physiology	(1 semester w/lab)
Psychology	(2 or 3 semesters)
Mathematics	(Sometimes Calculus)
English Composition	(1 semester)
Statistics	(1 semester)

Highly recommended courses:

Recommended CSU Courses

LIFE 102 and LIFE 103
CHEM 111/112 and CHEM 113/114
CHEM 245 and BC351(check requirements at specific schools – highly recommended at UCHSC)
PH 121 and PH 122 or PH 141 and PH 142
BMS 301
BMS 300/BMS 302 or BMS360 required at UCHSC
PSY 100, PSY 260, PSY 320
MATH 155 or 160
CO 150
STAT 301, ERHS 307 or STAT 307
BMS 325, CO 300/301,HES 207, HES307, HES 403, SPCM 200