

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Admission Requirements
(To be made available to potential applicants)

Admission requirements:

Applicants must meet the admission requirements for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Admission into the physical therapy program will also require the following:

- **A Bachelor's degree** from a four (4) year U.S. accredited college or university that did not culminate in a degree in Physical Therapy, with a preferred minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 and a preferred minimum pre-requisite GPA of 3.2. The baccalaureate degree must be earned before enrolling into the program.
- **Essay** as per established guidelines.
- **Recommendations** from a licensed physical therapist, an academic source, and one other professional or academic reference.
- **GRE exam score report** is required of all applicants including verbal, quantitative and writing. Official score reports must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) - www.gre.org. Please use Indiana State University PTCAS code: 1710. All GRE scores must fall within the past **5 years**.
- **Physical Therapy Observation/Experience** is required. You must complete a minimum of 60 hours of volunteer/observation experience or paid work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. These experiences should include at least 2 different practice settings.
- **Completion of the Casper Assessment/Snapshot or Personal Interview** with members of the Physical Therapy faculty may be required.

Prerequisite coursework.

Applicants are encouraged to complete as many prerequisite courses as possible prior to submitting the application for admission. It is preferred that all science/math prerequisites be completed prior to submission of the application (human anatomy/physiology, biology, chemistry, physics, and statistics coursework), however, up to 8 hours of prerequisites, including math/science courses, are allowed to be pending at the time the application is submitted. Please note that all prerequisite courses must be completed with a **grade of C or higher** (C minus not accepted) prior to starting the DPT program and must be completed within the past **7 years**.

Prerequisite coursework may be retaken 2 times for a total of 3 attempts. Advanced Placement courses are not accepted. All courses must be completed at a U.S. accredited college or university.

- **Human Anatomy*** (4 credits, with lab). One course in Human Anatomy or the first course in the series of Anatomy and Physiology I&II. Anatomy content should include skeletal and muscular systems of the human body. Equivalent of ISU BIO 231 & lab or ATTR 210 & lab. (Exception for ATTR 210 taken prior to fall 2022)
- **Physiology*** (4 credits, with lab). One course in Physiology or the second course in the series of Anatomy and Physiology I&II. Physiology content should cover various systems including: cardiovascular, endocrine, respiratory, etc. Equivalent of ISU BIO 241 & lab or PE 220 & lab
- **Biology*** (4 credits, with lab) – One course in biology to include either general biology, microbiology and/or cellular biology, (Botany not acceptable). Equivalent of ISU BIO 112 & lab or BIO 101 & lab, BIO 102 & lab
- **General Chemistry I*** (4 credits, with lab). Content must include atomic and molecular structure. This course should be the first in the Chemistry I&II series. Equivalent of ISU CHEM 105 & lab
- **General Chemistry II*** (4 credits, with lab) - In addition to Chemistry I listed above. This course should be the second course in the Chemistry I&II series and must include a lab. Equivalent of ISU CHEM 106 & lab
- **General Physics I*** (4 credits, with lab). Non-calculus or calculus based. Equivalent to ISU PHYS 105 & lab
- **General Physics II*** (4 credits, with lab). Non-calculus or calculus based. Equivalent to ISU PHYS 106 & lab
- **Statistics** (3 credits). Course content should include mean, median, mode, standard deviation, t- tests, etc. Equivalent of ISU HLTH 340 Biostatistics preferred; however, psychology and business statistics courses may be accepted.
- **Medical Terminology** (1 credit). Equivalent of ISU ATTR 225 Medical Terminology
- **Psychology** (6 credits). Students must complete 2 courses in Psychology. One of these courses must be the equivalent of either ISU PSY 368 Abnormal Psychology or ISU PSY 266 Developmental/Lifespan Psychology

- **Highly Recommended** (Coursework in Clinical Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology, and a Life Science including a cellular/developmental component.)
- **Technology.** Students must own a laptop computer & tablet. Any questions regarding technology requirements should be directed to the program prior to purchase. No formal coursework is required, however students are expected to be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point.

*Courses for “non-science majors” are not accepted.