

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2022

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A baccalaureate degree is required of all candidates entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at OCU. While pursuing a baccalaureate degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a C or better to qualify for admission to the DPT program. It's recommended to have at least 8 of the prerequisite courses completed by the time of application.

CHEM 1103 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1112 General Chemistry I Lab
CHEM 1223 General Chemistry II
CHEM 1232 General Chemistry II Lab
BIO 1114 General Biology **OR** BIO 1204 Principles of Biology **OR** Any Biology Course
BIO 2504 Human Anatomy and Lab
BIO 2604 Human Physiology and Lab
BIO 2604L Human Physiology Lab
PHY 1114 General Physics I
PHY 1114L General Physics I Lab
PHY 1214 General Physics II
PHY 1214L General Physics II Lab
PSY 1103 General Psychology **OR** PSY 2833 Developmental Psychology **OR** PSY 4753 Abnormal Psychology
STAT 2103 Intro Statistics for Sciences
SOC 2103 Sociology

***It is recommended that applicants complete a professional writing & oral communication course such as:**

ENG 4023 Technical Writing; MCOM 1113 Fundamentals of Speech

If you are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss this with your academic advisor.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials. To be considered for admission to the Physical Therapy Program an applicant must:

1. Have successfully completed a baccalaureate degree and all the prerequisite courses from an accredited college or university.
2. Be in a good standing with the college or university last or currently attending.
3. Have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. If coursework was completed outside the U.S., have all transcripts processed through the World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>)
5. Students for whom English is a second language must submit a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) applications on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
6. Recommendations from each of the following:
 - a. Licensed PT whom the applicant has observed working with patients in a PT setting AND who holds a current U.S. PT license
 - b. Science professor/instructor
 - c. Additional Professor, health professional, or recent/current employer or supervisor

Application Procedure:

1. Complete an online application through PTCAS and OCU by November 1.
2. PTCAS Application, which includes the following:
 - a) Transcripts
 - b) 3 Letters of Recommendation

- c) 1 letter each from the following: Licensed Physical Therapist whom the applicant has observed; Science Professor/Instructor; Additional Professor, health professional, or recent/current employer or supervisor
 - d) Resume/CV
 - e) PTCAS Fee (determined by # of designated programs)
3. Official GRE Score Report - Sent to OCU using GRE Code: 4914
 4. 48 Observation Hours

A minimum of 48 hours total, divided among 4 settings of at least 12 hours in each of the following settings:

- In-Patient Settings: Minimum of 12 hours in a hospital, rehabilitation facility, or skilled nursing facility;
- Out-Patient Settings: Minimum of 12 hours in a setting such as orthopedics, sports medicine, hospital clinic, or PT clinic;
- Additional Setting: Minimum of 12 hours in an additional setting such as long-term care facility, school, home health, or specialty care PT clinic;
- Service/Community Project: Minimum of 12 hours as an active participant in a service or community based project. Examples include after-school programs, food banks, women's shelters, or engaging in community improvement projects.

A recently admitted class had an overall GPA of 3.53, science GPA of 3.29, GRE Scores of Verbal 147, Quantitative 149, Analytical Writing 3.57

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical therapists are dedicated to the promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life. Physical therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, one's workplace, outpatient clinics, and hospitals. Physical therapists provide direct patient service, consultation, and education and physical therapists are often engaged in research. They also serve in administrative capacities, including supervising and delegating responsibilities to members of the physical therapy service. Physical therapists enter practice as generalists and may later become board-certified specialists. Physical therapists work closely with members of a patient's team. Physical therapists are also engaged in the development of new approaches of intervention that will more effectively meet existing and emerging health needs in society, including health promotion and disability prevention programs. Physical therapists are dedicated to improving the ability of individuals to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability: disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature or chronic. They are effective working with people of any age with a wide variety of functional limitations. Physical therapists also contribute to the development of relevant health policy.

Salary: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average annual salary for physical therapists is nearly **\$95,620**.

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For more information about PT's and PT programs: <http://www.apta.org>

For the latest information about the OCU PT program and how to apply: <https://www.okcu.edu/doctorate-physical-therapy/home/>

To Contact OCU Admissions: gadmissions@okcu.edu or (405) 208-5094

To apply to PT programs: <http://www.ptcas.org/>