

## **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)**

DPT programs provide their students with a foundational background in the biological, kinesiological and behavioral sciences and equip students with principles of logical and scientific reasoning throughout their curriculum with the goal of attaining professional license. Physical therapists provide preventive care, rehabilitation, and treatment for patients with chronic conditions, illnesses, or injuries.

### **Admissions Requirements for most institutions:\*\***

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE), per institution and other admission requirement such as undergraduate GPA (~3.5), personal statement, letters of recommendations, etc.
- Prerequisite coursework and have earned a grade of C or better in each course. These are selected courses that MOST but not ALL institutions require:
  - General biology with lab – BIO 101 and BIO 102
  - General chemistry I and II with lab – CHM 111/112 and CHM 121/122
    - Need MAT 113, MAT 115 or MAT 121 as a prerequisite
  - General physics I and II with lab – PHY 211/212, and PHY 221/222
    - Need MAT 115 as a prerequisite
  - Human anatomy and physiology, I and II with labs – BIO 231 and BIO 232
  - Psychology – PSY 111 and/or PSY 201 and/or PSY 302
  - Statistics – MAT 213
  - Most institutions also require some clinical hours, and typically require hours to come from several different settings (for example: inpatient, pediatrics, outpatient, sports medicine, geriatrics, etc.) – EXS 481

\* Examine the following Web Page for specific institution prerequisites:

<https://ptcasdirectory.apta.org/85/Program-Prerequisites>

\*\*Students should check with their individual DPT programs of interest for program-specific requirements