Pre-Physical Therapy

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1. The pre-physical therapy student should fulfill all requirements for a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree at Bemidji State University. The student should declare an academic major. Pre-physical therapy is not an academic major. The major may be in any field of study. The Allied Health Professions Admission Test (AHPAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is taken in the spring of the junior year.

2. Many universities are dropping their undergraduate physical therapy programs and replacing them with a graduate program. Most students enter physical therapy school after completing a baccalaureate degree. In addition, some physical therapy schools may require more courses than listed below. It is the responsibility of the pre-physical therapy student to become aware of these additional requirements and to plan his or her pre-physical therapy curriculum accordingly.

3. The pre-physical therapy student should work closely with the pre-physical therapy advisor so all course requirements are fulfilled prior to entrance into physical therapy school. Delay in meeting with the pre-physical therapy advisor will likely result in delayed entrance into physical therapy school.

4. In addition to a strong background in behavioral sciences, English, and humanities, the following courses are specifically required for entrance into most physical therapy schools:

   BIOL 1211, 1212, 2110, 2360, 3710
   CHEM 2211, 2212, 3311, 3312, 3371, 3372
   ENGL 1151, 2152
   MATH 1470
   PHYS 1101, 1102 (**or**) 2101, 2102

5. The following courses are strongly recommended to be included in the student's pre-physical therapy curriculum:

   ACCT 1100
   BIOL 1300, 3590, 3920, 4270
   PHED 3100, 3110, 3190, 3200, 3300, 4150
   PSY 1100, 2217, 2237
   SOC 1104
   SPCM 1100
   STAT 2610

6. A suggested pre-physical therapy academic schedule is listed below; numbers in parentheses are semester credits:

Freshman

BIOL 1211, 1212; F, S; (4,4)
CHEM 2211, 2212; F, S; (4,4)
ENGL 1151, 2152; F, S; (3,3)
MATH 1470; F or S; (5)
Electives: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor

Sophomore

BIOL 1300; F or S; (2)
BIOL 2360, 3710; F, S; (4,4)
BIOL 3920; F; (1)
CHEM 3311, 3312; F, S; (3,3)
CHEM 3371, 3372; F, S; (1,1)
PHYS: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor
Electives: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor

Junior

Electives: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor

Senior

Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor