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 1400, 1500, 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
   - COMM 1100
   - PHED 3100, 3110, 3190, 3200, 3300, 4150
   - PSY 1100, 2217, 2237
   - SOC 1104
   - STAT 2610

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

   **Freshman**
   
   - BIOL 1400, 1500; F, S; (4,4)
   - CHEM 2211, 2212; F, S; (4,4)
   - ENGL 1151, 2152; F, S; (3,3)
   - MATH 1470; F or S; (5)
   - PHYS: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor
   - Electives: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor

   **Sophomore**
   
   - BIOL 1300; F or S; (2)

   **Junior**
   
   - Electives: Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor

   **Senior**
   
   - Consult your Pre-Physical Therapy Advisor