

Pre-Physical Therapy Pathway

- According to the American Physical Therapy Association: “*The most common undergraduate majors among PT students include **exercise science, biology, kinesiology, and psychology***”
- [UTEP Doctor of Physical Therapy Program](#)
- [American Physical Therapy Association](#)
- [Comparison of Select DPT Program Prerequisites](#)
- [Apply to a DPT Program](#)

Progress Checklist

- Complete the PTCAS application (Specific program deadlines found in [PTCAS](#)).
- Completion of a Bachelor degree from an accredited educational institution prior to admission.
- A completed application package for the Physical Therapy Program, received by PTCAS by the set deadline.
- Payment of \$45.00 "Non-refundable" application fee. To be paid [HERE](#) Application Fee by set deadline.
- Official transcripts from all universities or colleges attended must be received by PTCAS by the set deadline.
- Completion of 38 semester hours of required prerequisite courses prior to matriculation.
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for prerequisite courses.
- Fifty (50) clock hours of documented volunteer or paid work experience in a physical therapy setting under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist received by PTCAS by the set deadline.
 - All hours of observation must be verified by electronic signature.
- Three letters of recommendations received by PTCAS by the set deadline.
 - Letter 1: recommendation from a physical therapist who supervised your work or volunteer experience in a PT clinical setting
 - Letter 2 and 3: Two recommendations from individuals concerning the attributes which qualify you for this program.
 - Note: PTCAS accepts 5 total letters of recommendation. UTEP will only accept letters of recommendation from PTCAS. A letter from a Physical Therapist Assistant will not be accepted in lieu of a letter from a Physical Therapist.
- For foreign applicants, transcripts must be certified by World Education Services (as described on PTCAS website) and received by PTCAS by the PTCAS deadline.
- For foreign applicants educated in non-English speaking countries, completion of TOEFL is required and received by PTCAS by the set deadline (minimum score determined by the Graduate School).

The purpose of this degree plan example is to:

- Highlighted required prerequisite courses that must be taken if you plan on applying to a DPT program
- Suggest specialized KIN elective courses that will best prepare you as a future clinician
- Provide you with the most time efficient order to take the classes in

Fall Semester I

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
BIOL 1305	General Biology	3
BIOL 1107	Topics in Study of Life	1
KIN 1303	Foundations of Kinesiology	3
RWS 1301	Rhetoric and Composition 1	3
Math 1508	Precalculus	3
UNIV 1301	Critical Inquiry	3
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Spring Semester I

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
BIOL 2311	Human Anat.& Phys. I	3
BIOL 2111	Human Anat.& Phys. I Lab	1
PSYC 1303	Statistical Methods	3
HIST 1301	History of the US to 1865	3
RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2	3
HSCI 2302	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
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Fall Semester II

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
BIOL 2113	Human Anat.&Phys. II	3
BIOL 2313	Human Anat.&Phys. II Lab	1
KIN 3303	Hist, Socio, Phil of Sport & PA	3
PHYS 1403	General Physics I	4
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	3
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Spring Semester II

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
``COMM 1301``	Public Speaking	3
BIOL 1306	Organismal Biology	3
BIOL 1108	Organismal Biology Lab	1
HIST 1302	History of the US Since 1865	3
KIN 3313	Assessment & Evaluation	3
KIN 3331	Anatomical KIN	3
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Fall Semester III

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
CHEM 1305	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1105	General Chemistry Lab I	1
KIN 3332	Motor Behavior	3
``KIN 4312``	Exercise Physiology	3
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
PHIL 2306	Ethics	3
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Spring Semester III

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
CHEM 1306	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1106	General Chemistry Lab II	1
POLS 2311	American Government & Politics	3
KIN 4313	Biomechanics	3
DANC 1304	Dance Appreciation	3
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Fall Semester IV

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
PHYS 1404	General Physics II	4
``CLSC 3150``	Medical Terminology	1
KIN 2315	Intro to Athletic Training	3
KIN 4301	Personal Training	3
KIN 4314	Special Populations	3
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Spring Semester IV

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs.
KIN 4331	Clinical Exercise Physiology	3
KIN 4334	Coronary Intervention Programs	3
KIN 4340	Scientific Principles & Practical Applications of of S&C	3
	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3
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*Note: Additional KIN classes are acceptable
in the general electives section*