## Prerequisites Courses
### Doctor of Physical Therapy - Entry

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- All prerequisites must be completed at a [regionally accredited U.S. institution](#) (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis) or its equivalent abroad
- All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better (a grade of “C-” or lower is not acceptable)
- No more than one science (if semester-based course; two if the course is quarter-based) and one non-science prerequisite may be in progress after the Fall term prior to matriculation (e.g. Dec 31, 2012, for Fall 2013 entering class)
- All prerequisites must be completed by the [end of the spring term](#) prior to matriculation (e.g. May/June 2013, for the Fall 2013 entering class)
- One prerequisite may be taken on an advanced-placement, pass/no pass or credit/no credit basis
- Prerequisites completed in California must be University of California (UC) &/or Cal State University (CSU) transferable
- For those entering after Fall 2011, labs must be on-campus and/or in class. Online labs will not be accepted to satisfy the prerequisite
- All coursework taken from non-U.S. institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to an approved service for evaluation

### Anatomy & Physiology Qualifiers appear when you hover over the “Anatomy” or “Physiology” prerequisite
- Course may not be “introductory”
- Course must be human
- Course must be taken from the anatomy, physiology, anatomy & physiology, biology, or zoology department
- Course must have been taken no more than 7 years prior to the planned date of matriculation
- Combined Anatomy & Physiology courses will only be considered if you take the combined course sequence (e.g. 2 semesters or 2 quarters)

### General Chemistry Qualifiers appear when you hover over the Chemistry prerequisite
- Course must be specified for science majors
- Course may not be “introductory”
- Courses must have been taken no more than 7 years prior to the planned date of matriculation

### Physics Qualifiers appear when you hover over the Physics prerequisite
- Course may not be “introductory”
- Courses must have been taken no more than 7 years prior to the planned date of matriculation

### Psychology qualifier appear when you hover over the Psychology prerequisite
- At least one of these courses must be taken from the psychology department
- Each course must be 3 semester of 4 quarter units
- Abnormal and/or Developmental Psychology highly recommended

### English Composition qualifier appear when you hover over the English Comp prerequisite
- Contact your admissions counselor if your institution doesn’t offer this course
Admission Requirements
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Minimum overall and prerequisite GPAs of 2.80
- Must meet the minimum requirement at the time of application and be maintained through matriculation into the program.

Bachelor’s Degree
- (BA or BS) from a regionally accredited U.S. institution

Three letters of recommendation
- One (1) from a supervising physical therapist
- One (1) from a college instructor
- One (1) from either a licensed physical therapist or college instructor
- Your letters of recommendation are part of the PTCAS application and will be submitted to the admissions office along with your PTCAS application
- Recommendations from a family member will not be considered

Volunteer or paid work experience
- Minimum of 100 hours in two (2) or more physical therapy facilities and/or clinical settings
  - A minimum of 40 hours per facility or clinical setting is required
  - In-patient hours are HIGHLY recommended
    - In-patient settings include:
      - in-patient hospital (acute, sub-acute/transitional care or rehab)
      - skilled nursing facilities (SNF)
      - extended care facilities (ECF)
      - residential facilities (geriatric/pediatric)
    - Experience hours completed under the supervision of a family member will not be accepted

International Student Application (ISA) - If Required
- The International Student Application (ISA) is required if:
  - You are an international applicant who is not a U.S. citizen and is currently living in the U.S.
  - You are an applicant who has applied for permanent residency, but have not been approved at the time of application.
- The ISA needs to be included with your application packet
- There is no fee for the ISA

Proof of Legal U.S. Residency - If Required
- If you are an international applicant or any other applicant who is not a U.S. citizen and are living in the U.S., you should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview.
- Proof of legal U.S. residency is required prior to any offer of acceptance.