

**Counseling Services
College of the Siskiyous**

Physical Therapy Prerequisites

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Physical Therapy programs require students to first earn a bachelor's degree that includes courses such as those noted below. Kinesiology is a common pre-physical therapy baccalaureate major. Physical Therapy programs are at the Master's degree level. In addition to pre-physical therapy courses, there are university admission requirements such as English Composition, Critical Thinking, Speech Communication, and Math. Because requirements vary, you should complete the courses required by the specific university where you wish to earn your bachelor's degree and master's degree. Physical Therapist Assistant programs are also offered by some community colleges. An online directory of accredited Physical Therapist (PT) and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) programs is available at <http://www.apta.org>. The COS courses PEMA 35 – Athletic Injury Management and Rehabilitation, PEMA 36 – Care and Prevention of Athletic Injury Lab, and PEMA 39- Certified Personal Trainer, are excellent ways to obtain pre-physical therapy experience.

Typical Physical Therapy Course Prerequisites

As an example, following are the College of the Siskiyous courses that are required to enter the Master of Physical Therapy program at CSU, Sacramento. Although requirements vary, these courses are typical of those required by other Physical Therapy programs. Source: CSUS catalog.

- BIO 12A Human Anatomy
- BIO 12B Human Physiology
- BIO 91 Human Biology + Lab (prerequisite for BIO 12B)
- CHEM 3A or 1A Chemistry
- CHEM 3B or 1B Chemistry
- MATH 53 Intermediate Algebra (prerec for CHEM 1A/1B, and MATH 2, & PHYS 2A/2B)
- SPCH 1 Public Speaking
- PHYS 2A General Physics I
- PHYS 2B General Physics II
- PSY 1 General Psychology
- MATH 2 Elementary Statistics
- Pharmacology (take at your university)

With completion of the following COS courses, all the CSU General Education requirements will be fulfilled.

- ENGL 1A
- ENGL 1C
- Area C1 Arts course
- Area C2 Humanities course
- Area C1 or C2 Arts or Humanities course
- HIST 17A or 17B
- POLS 1
- Area D Social Science course

Accredited West Coast Physical Therapy Programs

California: Azusa Pacific University, CSU Fresno, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, CSU Sacramento, Chapman University, Loma Linda University, Mount St. Mary's College, Samuel Merritt College, UC San Francisco/San Francisco State University, University of Southern California, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, University of the Pacific, and Western University of Health Sciences.

Oregon: Pacific University.

Washington: Eastern Washington University, University of Puget Sound, and University of Washington.