

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH
COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE**

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

The profession of physical therapy serves individuals whose ability to function has been impaired by disease or injury. Physical therapists have the opportunity to make a difference in the quality of one's life. Their work involves direct contact with the patients and other health care professionals. Physical therapists also promote injury prevention through proper training and conditioning programs. In Wisconsin, programs are located at the University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, Carroll College, Concordia University, and Marquette University. All of these programs are now at the doctoral level with the exception of UW Madison.

A bachelor's degree is required of students applying for admission to one of these programs. Students interested in physical therapy need to declare a major while at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. While one can be admitted following the completion of any academic major, our majors in Athletic Training, Exercise Science or Biology will expand your job potential in the industry. Athletic Training combined with a minor in Strength and Conditioning will provide the very best education in Sports Physical Therapy and Orthopedics.

The following courses are suggested for students interested in pursuing a degree in physical therapy. It is important to check with the institutions to which you plan to apply for specific admission requirements.

- Chemistry (105 and 106; 303 and 305 are also recommended)
- Mathematics (104 and 106 or 108 or 171)
- Biology (105, 211 and 212; 230, 323 and 319 are also recommended)
- Biomechanics (77-348)
- English Composition (101 or WBIS)
- Psychology (101)
- Literature (2xx)
- Statistics 67-201, 301; Econ 210; Psych 203; Soc 281
- Other humanities electives and Social Science electives (including additional psychology courses)
- Physics (107 and 108)

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required by most physical therapy schools.

For additional information on these and other physical therapy programs contact:

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PHYSICAL THERAPY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAMS

Physical Therapy is the field of medical care that uses exercise and physical agents such as heat, light, water and massage to treat certain physical disabilities. Among its objectives are the relief of pain caused by surgery or medical problems, the improvement of muscle strength and mobility, and the improvement of such basic functions as standing, walking and grasping in patients who are recovering from debilitating illnesses or accidents or who are physically challenged.

Physical Therapy Education:

- Bachelor's degree required (to include the pre-professional courses)
- Some of the pre-professional courses are available at most colleges
- Doctoral degree

ACCREDITED PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAMS IN THE MIDWEST:

Illinois

Bradley University
Governor's State University
Midwestern University
Northwestern University
University of Illinois at Chicago
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Indiana

Indiana University
University of Evansville
University of Indianapolis

Iowa

Clarke College
Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center
St. Ambrose University
University of Iowa

Central Michigan University
Grand Valley State
Oakland University
Wayne State University
University of Michigan - Flint

Michigan

Andrews University

Minnesota

College of St. Catherine
College of St. Scholastica
Mayo School of Health Related Services
University of Minnesota -Twin Cities

Ohio

College of Mt. St. Joseph
Ohio University
University of Dayton
University of Toledo

Wisconsin

Concordia University Wisconsin
Marquette University
University of Wisconsin LaCrosse
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee