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Physical therapists (PTs) are health care professionals who have met the minimum educational requirement of a post-baccalaureate degree from an accredited education program. All PTs must receive a graduate degree from an accredited physical therapist program before taking the national licensure examination that allows them to practice. While some programs offer a master's degree, a growing majority of programs offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. After graduation candidates must pass a state-administered national exam. Other requirements for physical therapy practice vary from state to state. State licensure is required in each state in which a physical therapist practices.

If you are applying to a physical therapy program, it helps to have a high overall grade point average (GPA) and a high GPA in prerequisite courses such as biology, chemistry, and statistics. Admissions officers also look for volunteer experience as a physical therapy aide, involvement in school and community activities (e.g. sports, clubs, social organizations), a history of leadership, letters of recommendation from physical therapists or science teachers, and strong writing and interpersonal skills.

The CORE Prerequisite courses* which are offered at SRJC and are required for admission to most PT programs are: ANAT 1; PHYSIO 1; CHEM 1A, 1B or CHEM 4A, 4B; PHYS 20/20L, 21/21L; PSYCH 1A

Some programs require additional courses* such as: MATH 15; PSYCH 5; CHEM 8 or 12A; MICRO 5; BIO 2.1 and/or BIO 2.2; Biochemistry; Computer Science; Calculus

** Check each individual university to determine which specific prerequisite courses must be completed.*

Upon successful completion of the MPT program, students are awarded the Master of Physical Therapy degree and are eligible to sit for the California Licensure Exam. **Information about the Physical Therapy Association is at www.apta.org. The web sites for each of the colleges listed on this document will provide more detailed information about specific criteria required for admission and degrees awarded by that university.**

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) currently lists the following fourteen California universities as being accredited in the field of physical therapy and offering Masters and/or Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees. See <http://www.apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/> (click Find a Program, then select CA).

CSU FRESNO

Master of Physical Therapy & Joint Doctorate of Physical Therapy (with University of California, San Francisco) - www.csufresno.edu/chhs/depts_programs/physical_therapy

Consult the CSU Fresno catalog or Physical Therapy Department for details on the minor in Interdisciplinary Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

CSU LONG BEACH

Master of Physical Therapy (last entering class is Fall 2011)

Doctor of Physical Therapy (first entering class begins Summer 2012)

www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/physical-therapy

The bachelor's degree in Biology with an option in Physiology and the bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with an option in Exercise Science provide the best preparation for this program. If another degree option is selected, the prerequisite courses must also be completed which may necessitate completing a number of courses beyond basic requirements for a bachelor's degree.

CSU NORTHRIDGE

Master of Physical Therapy - <http://hhd.csun.edu/pt>

CSU SACRAMENTO

Master of Physical Therapy - www.hhs.csus.edu/PT

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO / SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Physical Therapy & Doctor of Physical Therapy Science

www.ptrehab.medschool.ucsf.edu/Education or www.sfsu.edu/~bulletin/current/programs/physicat.htm

All of the Graduate Programs in Physical Therapy are jointly offered by UCSF and SFSU. These graduate programs are not only integrated within the Graduate Divisions of both universities, but are part of the School of Medicine at UCSF and the College of Health and Human Services at SFSU.

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Physical Therapy - www.apu.edu/bas/physicaltherapy/dpt

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Physical Therapy - www.chapman.edu/scs/HLS/PT

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Post-Professional Master or Doctor of Physical Therapy

Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy

www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/pt/welcome.page?

See www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/transfer/index.page for the Loma Linda articulation agreement with SRJC.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Doctor of Physical Therapy - <http://www.msmc.la.edu/graduate-programs/physical-therapy.asp>

SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE

Doctor of Physical Therapy - http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/physical_therapy

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Doctor of Physical Therapy - <http://www.usc.edu/pt>

UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Doctor of Physical Therapy - <http://www.usa.edu/index.aspx> (under Educational Programs)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

Doctor of Physical Therapy - <http://web.pacific.edu/x9640.xml>

WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Doctor of Physical Therapy - http://www.westernu.edu/allied-health-dpt_about

The APTA web site www.apta.org contains the official directory of schools and programs accredited in the field of Physical Therapy throughout the United States. Two of those schools are listed below.

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY - Flagstaff, Arizona

Doctor of Physical Therapy - <http://catalog.nau.edu/DegreeSearch/detail.jsp?plan=PTELDPT>

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND - Tacoma, Washington

Doctor of Physical Therapy –

<http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/departments-and-programs/graduate/school-of-physical-therapy/>

The following bachelor's degree programs offer a pre-physical therapy option (not required for graduate school admission) – found on www.assist.org:

Kinesiology - Pre-Physical Therapy B.S. (CSU San Bernardino)

Kinesiology B.S. - Pre-Physical Therapy Option (CSU East Bay)

Kinesiology B.S. Concentration in Pre-Physical Therapy (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)

Kinesiology B.S. Emphasis in Pre-Physical Therapy (San Diego State University)

Kinesiology B.S. with Option in Pre-Physical Therapy (Humboldt State University)

Physical Education with Pre-Physical Therapy Option (CSU Dominguez Hills)