

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY: PRE-REQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AT THE MEDICAL CENTER

To be eligible to apply for admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, candidates must meet the following specific academic requirements:

1. **Completion or in the process of completing a baccalaureate degree** from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. Applicants who are in process of completing the baccalaureate degree and receive a notice of acceptance must complete the degree prior to enrollment.
2. **Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.** Applicants interviewed and accepted usually have a much higher grade point average.
3. **Minimum GPA for required courses of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.** Applicants interviewed and accepted usually have a higher grade point average.
4. Satisfactory completion (*minimum of 3.0* on a 4.0 scale; grade of **C or better in each course**) of the prerequisite courses. At least five of the eight prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester in which the application is submitted.

Prerequisite Courses*	Number of Courses	Semester Hours
Statistics (mathematics, psychology, or education) **	1	3
Biology with Lab	2	8
Chemistry with Lab	2	8
Physics with Lab	2	6-8
Advanced Physical or Biological Science***	1	3-5
Total Prerequisites	8	28-32

* **Science survey courses designed for non-science majors are not acceptable for a required course.** Combined anatomy and physiology courses will be accepted as a pre-requisite only if: the course is taken at a 4-year institution, offered in the biology department and has a biology prefix, and is accepted as credit for biology majors. For students entering in May 2020, combined anatomy and physiology courses will no longer be accepted to meet prerequisite requirements. **Science courses with lab that count for science major credit are considered appropriate.** Normally required science courses must have been taken in the last ten years. All physical or biological sciences listed at a particular college or university do not necessarily satisfy the prerequisite requirements; **please consult with the physical therapy pre-academic advisor for clarification.**

****The statistics course must be taken at a senior college or university in one of the three departments specified above.**

*****Must be 300 or 400 level undergraduate courses and taken at a senior college. Associated labs, whether incorporated or offered separately, must also be completed.**

5. Completion of **at least 5 of the 8** prerequisite courses by the **end of the fall semester in which the application is submitted.** Applicants accepted for admission must successfully complete **all** pre-requisite courses by the end of subsequent spring semester (with final grades documented by official transcript prior to enrollment).
6. Admission to the UMC Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program is on a competitive basis.