A baccalaureate degree is required of all candidates entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at OU.

While pursuing a baccalaureate degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a C or better to qualify for admission to the DPT program.

- **CHEM 1103+1112* General Chemistry I with Lab**
- **BIO 1114* General Biology (or BIO 1204)**
- **BIO 2314 Intro to Microbiology (or BIO 2203)**
- **BIO 2504* Human Anatomy and Lab (or FNRL 2214)**
- **BIO 2604* Human Physiology and Lab, Concurrent enrollment in BIO 2604L is required.**
- **BIO 2604L Human Physiology Lab**
- **MATH 1593 Trigonometry**
- **PHY 1114* General Physics I. Concurrent enrollment in PHY 1114L is required.**
- **PHY 1214* General Physics II. Concurrent enrollment in PHY 1214L is required.**
- **PSY 1103 General Psychology**
- **PSY 2833* Developmental Psychology**
- **STAT 2103* Intro Statistics for Sciences (or PSY 2753)**

Some of the courses listed above are not required by the P.T. program as part of their published list, but are required by UCO as prerequisite courses for others on the list. Courses with * are the 8 required courses. If you are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss this with your advisor.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials. The Department Admissions Committee will review application materials. To be considered for admission to the Physical Therapy Program an applicant must:

1. Have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing a baccalaureate degree and all the prerequisite courses;
2. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
3. Have a minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all college work and natural science courses attempted. **A recently admitted class had an average gpa of 3.8 overall and 3.62 in sciences.**
4. Have completed 6 of the 8 departmental prerequisite courses (*) with grades of C or better by the application deadline and all department prerequisite courses with grades of C or better by matriculation;
5. Document 40 hours of observation experience in a physical therapy setting **prior to application**;
   - To get started, call a facility that employs Physical Therapists and ask if they will allow you to job shadow or contact one of the professionals identified on the OUHSC College of Allied Health Shadowing Map: [http://www.alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx](http://www.alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx)
   - There is a form to keep track of this observation at [http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=_CFV7EGtv0%3d&portalid=47](http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=_CFV7EGtv0%3d&portalid=47)
6. Submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. **A recently admitted class had average GRE scores of 308/4.0**
7. Students for whom English is a second language must submit a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical therapists are dedicated to the promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life. Physical therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, one's workplace, outpatient clinics, and hospitals. Physical therapists provide direct patient service, consultation, and education and physical therapists are often engaged in research. They also serve in administrative capacities, including supervising and delegating responsibilities to members of the physical therapy service. Physical therapists enter practice as generalists and may later become board-certified specialists. Physical therapists work closely with members of a patient's team. Physical therapists are also engaged in the development of new approaches of intervention that will more effectively meet existing and emerging health needs in society, including health promotion and disability prevention programs. Physical therapists are dedicated to improving the ability of individuals to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability: disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature or chronic. They are effective working with people of any age with a wide variety of functional limitations. Physical therapists also contribute to the development of relevant health policy. The national average salary for physical therapists is nearly $84,000 per year.

Application Procedure

1. Application is online at [http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx](http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx)
2. Submit the following by February 1, of the year in which admission is sought:
   - A completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application;
   - Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended;
   - Documentation of observation experience (40 hours);
   - GRE Scores; and
   - Non-refundable application fees.
3. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the Physical Therapy program will be mailed the latter part of April. If notification is not received by May 1, contact the department.
4. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification and confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term or the position will be considered declined. Alternates will be selected according to numerical ranking. Alternates may be admitted up to the first class day for the summer term if all positions have not been filled.

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For the latest information about the OU PT program and how to apply: [http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/AcademicPrograms/MasterofOccupationalTherapy(MOT).aspx#113895143-admission-requirements](http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/AcademicPrograms/MasterofOccupationalTherapy(MOT).aspx#113895143-admission-requirements)

For OU physical therapy program information and assistance with application materials, contact:
Ms. Cheryl Walk (405) 271-6588, cheryl-walk@ouhsc.edu. University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Allied Health P.O. Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73190.

To apply to other PT programs: [http://www.ptcas.org/](http://www.ptcas.org/)