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Pre-Physical Therapy

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Pre-Professional Program Information:

- ◆ Pre-professional programs offered at UCCS prepare students for candidacy into professional programs offered at other facilities. Completion of pre-requisite coursework does not guarantee acceptance into any professional program.
- ◆ Course requirements are for the University of Colorado programs; other schools may have slightly different requirements. Students should contact other schools of interest for appropriate pre-requisite coursework.
- ◆ Bachelor's Degree (BS or BA) in a field other than physical therapy is required. No academic major or institution is given priority consideration during the selection process.
- ◆ Students in the pre-physical therapy program are advised to choose a major and plan to graduate with a degree from the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Objectives:

- ◆ The student with a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) learns to work with patients of all ages who have physical disabilities that interfere with their ability to lead normal lives. Physical therapists also educate patients in preventive care related to work and recreation.
- ◆ Physical therapists have many opportunities for employment in hospitals, private practice, home, health and community facilities.
- ◆ The physical therapist will be able to:
 - Evaluate strength, movement, sensation and coordination.
 - Establish treatment goals.
 - Modify and administer/delegate a treatment program.

A Bachelor's Degree should be completed to include the following pre-requisites for admissions in 2006 and beyond:

UCCS

Five Year Limit* for the following:

CHEM 103	General Chemistry I with lab
CHEM 106	General Chemistry II with lab
PES 101/115 & 102/215 OR	Physics for Life Science I & II/Labs
PES 111/115 & 112/215	General Physics I & II/Labs
BIOL 321**	Human Physiology
BIOL 435**	Human Anatomy

No time limit for the following:

6 hrs Psychology or Sociology

3 hrs Mathematics or Statistics from:

MATH 135	Calculus I
MATH 310	Statistics for the Sciences
PSY 210	Intro to Psychological Statistics

3 hrs upper division (300 or higher) from:

BIOL, CHEM, PES, PSY, or SOC

Highly recommended, but not required:

CHEM 330 or 331	Organic Chemistry
BIOL/CHEM 481 or 483	Biochemistry
PSY 328	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 362	Developmental Psychology

*If pre-requisite science courses are older than 5 years, an additional 6 semester hours of upper division science coursework must be completed.

** UCCS pre-requisites include BIOL 110/111 & 115/116, General Biology I & II/labs.

CO Community Colleges

CHEM 111
CHEM 112
PHY 111 & 112
PHY 211 & 212
No Upper Division Equivalent
No Upper Division Equivalent

MAT 201
No Upper Division Equivalent
No Equivalent

No Upper Division Equivalent

No Upper Division Equivalent
No Upper Division Equivalent
PSY 249 (lower division credit)
PSY 235 (lower division credit)

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bachelor's degree in any field
2. GRE: 500 on Quantitative and Verbal, 3.5 on Written Assessment
 - a. Scores older than five (5) years will not be accepted.
 - b. The applicant's most current GRE score is used in the applicant selection process.
3. Minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0.
4. Three letters of reference
5. On-campus interview
6. CPR (Health Professional) certification
7. 45 hours of field experience, with 15 hours in each of three different areas:
 - a. Acute in-patient setting
 - b. Out-patient setting
 - c. Long-term care facility

ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS:

If pre-requisite science courses are older than 5 years, an additional 6 semester hours of upper division basic science coursework must be completed.

If chemistry and physics pre-requisite courses are earned by testing (CLEP, AP, or IB), then those courses should be replaced with upper division coursework in the same department. Other exceptions may exist—please see the pre-health advisor for details.

Online courses are acceptable for any course not requiring a lab. Please verify your course with the pre-health advisor to avoid possible inaccurate course selection.

Pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to matriculation.

Application may be submitted, but admission decisions will not be made until all but 6 semester hours or less of pre-requisite credits are complete.

MORE USEFUL INFORMATION:

The Physical Therapy Program affiliates with 200 clinical sites located in and throughout the Denver Metropolitan area and the United States. A few international sites are available. Clinical opportunities include acute care, rehabilitation, pediatrics, sports medicine/outpatient orthopedics, industrial rehabilitation, geriatrics, long term care, and home health. All students are required to complete one of five supervised clinical rotations in an under-served or rural area. Six months of supervised clinical education experience enable the students to develop clinical and management skills related to patient care prior to completion of the program.

Length and approximate total cost of program for Colorado residents: 3 years/\$85,650