

Pre-Physical Therapy Program

Physical Therapy school is just one of many options open to you when you earn a degree in Applied Science. UW-Stout's Applied Science program provides you with everything you need to enter physical therapy school. However, some things you should keep in mind include:

- + Do you enjoy biology, chemistry, and math?
- + Are you prepared for the extra-curricular activities that will enhance your application to dental school?
- + Are you willing to set aside time to become active in your community?



Physical therapy schools are competitive and therefore look for well-rounded students. You should focus on several things, such as excelling in your courses, maintaining a good grade point average, and being active in your community. Regional examples of physical therapy schools are listed below, but keep in mind many other choices exist. Check out more schools through the American Physical Therapy Association at www.apta.org.

Admission Statistics for Physical Therapy School

	Number Accepted	Avg. GPA
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	50	3.6
Northwestern	75	3.55
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	44	3.6
University of Wisconsin-Madison	40	3.6
Mayo School of Health Sciences	28	3.7

Note- GRE test required for all schools

Semesters Required for Entrance Into Physical Therapy School

UW-Stout courses to fulfill requirements for entrance into physical therapy school*

	Biology BIO-135,136	Physiology and Anatomy BIO-234	Physics PHYS-241, 242	General Chemistry CHEM-135, 136	Statistics STATS- 320	Math MATH-153	Psychology PSYC-110, **	Sociology SOC-110, **	Medical Terminology FN-346	Physiology of Exercise HLTH-365	Kinesiology HLTH-355	CPR HLTH-346
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	2	2	2	2	1	1	2					
Northwestern	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	R			Rq.
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	1	2	2	2	1		1	1				
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1	2	2	2	1		2			R	R	Rq.

*This is a general guideline that is subject to change.

** Check Universities specific requirements for psychology and sociology classes.

R- Recommended

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Medical Terminology testing will occur upon entrance into Northwestern University physical therapy program.

Note: Other upper level science courses are highly recommended by all professional physical therapy programs. Courses such as English, social sciences, and humanities are also required for entry into physical therapy programs.

University of Wisconsin Madison requires Biomechanics.

Important Factors to Consider

Internship The Applied Science program requires an internship to graduate, so students interested in physical therapy school should seek an experience in that field.

Volunteer Experience It is recommended that students show an interest in the physical therapy profession through volunteer experiences within the community.

Research Research experiences are provided to enhance a student's professional development. Students should seek out research activities early on to provide opportunities to publish peer-reviewed papers and present at regional and national meetings.

Testing-GRE The Graduate Record Examination measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking and analytical writing skills. More information on the GRE can be found at www.ets.org.

Notes: A Bachelors degree is required before entering the program. Most programs require observation hours of a certified physical therapist.