PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Pre-Physical Therapy preparation is a three- or four-year course of study leading to graduate study in Physical Therapy at Sacred Heart University. Pre-Physical Therapy preparation can be done using any undergraduate major, but can only be accomplished in three years if a major in Biology, Exercise Science, or Psychology is selected. Students should declare their undergraduate major no later than the end of the Freshman year. Regardless of undergraduate major, students must successfully complete the physical therapy prerequisite coursework described below. Only grades of C or better will be considered as prerequisites.

The professional phase of the graduate Physical Therapy is an additional three years. Application to the professional phase occurs at the end of the Pre-Physical Therapy preparation and the undergraduate major. For details, see the graduate admissions process. Admission to the professional phase is on a competitive basis.

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Requirements

The Pre-Physical Therapy preparation provides the necessary prerequisites for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students also complete required undergraduate coursework for their selected major, and required and elective core courses required by the University for a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree.
REQUIRED PHYSICAL THERAPY
PREREQUISITE COURSES
BI 111/BI 112  Concepts in Biology I & II
BI 113/BI 114  Concepts in Biology Laboratory I & II
BI 131/BI 132  Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II
BI 133/BI 134  Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory I & II
CH 151/CH 152  General Chemistry I & II
CH 153/CH 154  General Chemistry Laboratory I & II
MA 131  Statistics for Decision Making
MA 140  Precalculus
PY 111/PY 112  General Physics I & II
PY 113/PY 114  General Physics Laboratory I & II
Psychology  General Psychology and one additional elective