

Pre-Physical Therapy

Students planning a career in physical therapy may complete their pre-professional coursework at NKU. For most physical therapy schools the requirement is a bachelor's degree that includes specified pre-professional coursework. Once this work is completed students may apply for admission to and, if accepted, transfer to an institution offering a degree in physical therapy. At the earliest opportunity, students should schedule an appointment with a faculty adviser to discuss minimum requirements for admission to schools of physical therapy.

Students are accepted into physical therapy programs at the University of Kentucky (Lexington and Hazard) without a bachelor's degree (see pre-professional requirements below). Those completing these programs are awarded dual degrees: a Bachelor of Health Science and a Master of Science in Physical Therapy. Along with most other schools, starting with the 2005 class, Bellarmine College (Louisville) will require that all accepted students have a baccalaureate degree prior to admission. For up-to-date information, students should check current catalogs or websites of any schools they are interested in. For UK the website is [http:// www.mc.uky.edu/PT](http://www.mc.uky.edu/PT) and the website for Bellarmine it is <http://www.bellarmino.edu/>.

We strongly recommend that pre-physical therapy students pursue a bachelor of science in either the general biology or cellular/molecular/genetics tracks. By so doing if a student is not accepted into a physical therapy school or decides not to go in that direction, he or she will be able to apply completed work toward a bachelor's degree at NKU with little or no loss of credit.

	1st Semester	2nd Semester
<i>Freshman Year</i>		
BIO150/150L and BIO 151/151L Introduction to Biology I and II	4	4
BIO 155 Orientation to Biology		1
CHE 120-120L, 121-121L General Chemistry I and II	4	4
ENG 101 College Writing	3	
MAT 121/122 Calculus I	6	
STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods		3
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology		3
General education elective in humanities/ fine arts		3
Total	17	18

<i>Sophomore Year</i>		
BIO 272 Medical and Biological Terminology	3	
BIO 300-300L Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy	5	
ENG 291 Advanced College Writing		3
PHY 211, 213 General Physics I and II	5	5
General Education electives in history	3	3
General education elective in humanities/ fine arts		3
Developmental Psychology		3
Total	16	17

Students must make certain that they complete all required pre-professional courses as well as the general education requirements for any university to which they plan to apply.

In addition to the required courses listed here, volunteer work and certification in first aid and in CPR may be required. Students are encouraged to take some coursework in summer to reduce the heavy course load in fall and spring semesters.

For some, it may be more realistic to plan on three years at NKU instead of two in preparation for the UK program.