Physical Therapy

Physical therapy is a vital part of total health care for patients who have a temporary or permanent disability or pain due to injury, disease, old age, accident, or birth defect. After careful evaluation, physical therapists (PTs) plan and administer treatment programs for patients to restore function, relieve pain, and prevent disability. PTs work in outpatient, inpatient, and community based settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing and extended care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient clinics/offices, home health agencies, and schools (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010).

Working in PT

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment is expected to increase faster than average (30% between 2008 and 2018). About two-thirds of physical therapists work in hospitals or in offices with other health practitioners. The median annual earnings for physical therapists was $72,800 in 2008.

Important Information when applying to REGIS:
You will earn extra points on your application if you take additional courses in the following areas: Communication/Speech; Motor Control; Research Methods; Advanced Statistics; Neuroscience; Biomechanics of Movement; Exercise Physiology; Motor Learning.

Additional Information

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CSU Pre-Physical Therapy Club
http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/HP-clubs.aspx

Human Health Pre-Professional Programs
http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/
### Admission Requirements

Admissions requirements are GENERAL and may differ from school to school. Contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.

- Bachelor’s degree
- Competitive cumulative, prerequisite and science GPAs
- Competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score
- Application submitted to PTCAS or to the individual school
- Letters of recommendation (including one from a licensed PT)
- Volunteer or paid experience with a licensed PT
- Interview

### Typical Academic Prerequisites

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### Recommended CSU Courses

- LIFE 102 and an additional lab-based biology
- CHEM 111/112 and CHEM 113/114
- PH 121 and PH 122 **OR** PH 141 and PH 142
- BMS 301
- BMS 300/BMS 302 or BMS360/02 required at UC-D**
- PSY 100, PSY 260, PSY 320***
- College Algebra (seldom Calculus)
- CO 150, CO or JTC 300 or 301
- STAT 201, 204, 301, 307 or ERHS 307

** BMS 360 is offered spring only and must be completed a calendar year before you plan to enter the CU-Denver DPT program

***CU-Denver prefers PSY courses other than PSY100

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**For more information about specific physical therapy schools contact:** [www.apta.org/Education](http://www.apta.org/Education)

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