

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2008, Spring 2009, and Summer 2009

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

**Physical Therapy Major - School of Allied Health Professions Health Sciences
(found under "Health Sciences" on NIU application and in catalog)**

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- The professional Physical Therapy curriculum has **two components**, an undergraduate course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree in Health Sciences and a graduate component leading to a master of Physical Therapy degree. Students must successfully complete both the undergraduate and graduate components of the professional Physical Therapy curriculum in order to be eligible to sit for the professional licensing examination. **Students can enter the professional curriculum only through the undergraduate Health Sciences major.** This limitation applies to all applicants seeking admission to the professional program, whether enrolled at NIU at the time of application or transferring from another institution. **Priority will be given to students who have completed NIU's Pre-Physical Therapy program and to Illinois residents. Admission to the professional program is very competitive.** Students may enter the professional program only in the fall semester.
- To be considered for admission to the professional Health Sciences/Physical Therapy major, students must be admitted to NIU and have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including all transferable courses.**
- Applicants must have **completed, by the time of application, a minimum of 8 of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.** All attempts of any repeated course will be used in the calculation of the required Pre-Physical Therapy GPA:

NIU Courses	Joliet Equivalents
*One year of general Biology for Science majors with laboratory (8):	
*BIOS 208 Fundamentals of Biology I (3) and	BIO 151 & 152
*BIOS 210 Fundamentals of Biology Laboratory I (1)	BIO 151 & 152
*BIOS 209 Fundamentals of Biology II (3) and	BIO 151 & 152 or BIO 210 & 220
*BIOS 211 Fundamentals of Biology Laboratory II (1)	BIO 151 & 152 or BIO 210 & 220
BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)	BIO 250 & 251
CHEM 210 General Chemistry I (3) and	CHEM 101
CHEM 212 General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)	CHEM 101
CHEM 211 General Chemistry II (3) and	CHEM 102
CHEM 213 General Chemistry Laboratory II (1)	CHEM 102
MATH 155 Trigonometry and Elementary Functions (3) or	MATH 140 or 141 or 142
MATH 229 Calculus I (4)	MATH 170
PHYS 210 General Physics I (4)	PHYS 101
PHYS 211 General Physics II (4)	PHYS 102
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSYC 101
*A Lifespan Development course (3):	PSYC 215 or 210 & 250
*FCNS 280 Human Development: The Family & Society (3) or	PSYC 215 or 210 & 250
PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood	PSYC 215 or 210 & 250
*An abnormal Psychology course (3)	PSYC 205
*An introductory Statistics course (3)	BUS 205 or MATH 128

- Coursework in an advisor-approved focus area, excluding required prerequisites and general education courses (12).
Note: These four courses can include: Anthropology; Biology; Community Health; Communications; Economics; Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences; Gerontology; History; Psychology; Sociology; Women's Studies; or Foreign Language. Students should consult with an advisor about options for this requirement.
- The student must have **no more than seven general education and Pre-Physical Therapy required courses remaining** to be completed at the time of application.
All students who meet the above requirements will be required to:
- Provide **two recommendations** from people who are familiar, preferably in a supervisory capacity, with the applicant's professional or work-related experiences (at least one must come from a Physical Therapist). Recommendation forms to be used are available from the Physical Therapy program's office.
- Provide documentation of a **minimum of 50 hours of experience**, either paid or volunteer, in a Physical Therapy setting(s). Documentation forms to be used are available from the Physical Therapy program's office.
- Write an **essay** on a topic to be determined by the program faculty.
- The Admissions Committee reserves the right to require an interview.

Program application deadline: February 15

Apply to the university by January 15.

NOTE: Physical Therapy applications are available between September 1 and January 31 of each year. Notification of Physical Therapy admission status will be made by April 15. (Contact the Physical Therapy office for additional required application materials).

*An NIU course substitution form may be required for these courses. Please contact NIU's Physical Therapy advisor prior to registering for these courses at your community college.