

Pacific Union College

Pre-Physical Therapy for Admission to the D.P.T. Program of Andrews University

OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

General Areas of Service:

Physical therapists are part of a highly respected health profession dedicated to examining, treating, and preventing physical disabilities. Physical therapists also design, implement, and modify therapeutic interventions, as well as promote fitness, health, and quality of life for people of all ages. They also engage in consultation, research, and education. Professional opportunities exist in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, state and national agencies, private practice, contract services, home health, schools for handicapped, corporations and Physical Therapist Education programs.

Professional Training:

Andrews University currently offers an accredited three year Professional Physical Therapist Education Program gaining an interim Master of Science in Physical Therapy degree for continuance in the entry-level doctorate of physical therapy (DPT) program. This will qualify the graduate to apply to take state board examinations for professional entry.

Job Outlook:

The demand for physical therapists is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. It is estimated that employment opportunities will increase by 71% through the year 2006.

Earnings:

Starting salaries average about \$38,500-\$83,300 a year.

Application packets are available beginning in June each year.

For More Information

Physical Therapy Program
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0420
(616) 471-2878
1-800-827-AUPT
www.andrews.edu/PHTH

American Physical Therapy Association
1111 N. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
1-800-999-APTA

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

English and Communications

ENGL 101-2	College English	4-4
<i>choose one of the following:</i>		
COMM 105	Speech Communication	3
COMM 226	Public Speaking	3

Humanities

Any course from the following categories: Ethics, Cultural Perspective, Literature, Philosophy, Critical Thinking, a second Language, History, or Western Civilization. The following are a few examples.

ENGL 301	Great Books (or another lit.class)	4
FREN 111	Beg. French	4
GRMN 111	Beg. German	4
HIST 101-2	History of World Civilizations	4-4
SPAN 111	Beg. Spanish	4

Fine Arts

Any fine art appreciation, theory or history course or one year of ensemble music (private music lessons do not apply). The following are a few examples.

ART 105	History of Western Art	4
ART 107	History of American Art	3
ART 277	History of Photography	3
MUHL 105	Survey of Music	3

Natural Science and Mathematics

BIOL 101-2	Human Anatomy/Physiology*	5, 5
BIOL 223	Introduction to Med Terms	1
BIOL 348	Systems Physiology	5
CHEM 111-2-3	General Chemistry**	5-5-5
CPTR 105	Introduction to Computers (or MDIA 153 Intro to Macintosh)	3
PHYS 111-2-3	General Physics**	4-4-4
STAT 222	Introduction to Statistics	4

Behavioral/Social Science

ANTH 124	Cultural Anthropology	4
ECON 261	Principles of Economics-Macro	4
PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
PSYC 234	Human Development	4
<i>choose one of the following:</i>		
SOCI 121	Intro. to Sociology	4
SOCI 355	"Racial" and Ethnic Relations	3

Physical Education and Health

3
Total Credits in PEAC courses OR a physical fitness theory course (HLED 162 or HLED 166)
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Footnotes:

*BIOL 111, 112, 113 Biological Foundations, if already taken, may be substituted for BIOL 101 and 102.

**Students do NOT need a full year of both subjects.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

Religion

One religion course (RELB, RELH, RELT) per year of attendance at an SDA school.

Electives to meet 138 quarter minimum

Work Experience

- A prerequisite for the DPT and MPT programs at Andrews University is 80 hours observation of physical therapy patient care supervised by a licensed physical therapist in at least 2 distinctly different physical therapy patient care settings (e.g. Inpatient Rehabilitation, Outpatient Rehabilitation, Acute Care, Subacute Care, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Home Health Care, Inpatient Orthopedics, Outpatient Orthopedics which includes Sports Medicine.)
- A minimum of 20 hours must be observation in an *inpatient* setting.
- The two experiences may occur within one health care facility.
- Applicants employed in a physical therapy department in direct patient care have fulfilled this requirement as long as at least 20 hours have been inpatient care.

When to apply

Students interested in applying to the Physical Therapy Program at Andrews University should request a physical therapy application package from the Department of Physical Therapy which contains all the necessary forms and instructions you need. Call the department direct at 616-471-2878 or 1-800-827-2878 for more information.

An AU admissions representative visits the Pacific Union College campus in the Fall Quarter each year. Check with your advisor for details.

Deadline for submission of application materials (for the class that beginning in July) is printed in the application package. Incomplete application packages cannot be processed.

The minimum expected grade point average:

To be eligible for admission each applicant must achieve both in science as well as overall, a minimum college G.P.A. of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Visit PUC's Web Site: <http://www.puc.edu>

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PROGRAM

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

First Year	A	W	S
Religion	2	-	-
Human Anatomy & Physiology	5	5	-
College English	4	4	-
History of Art ¹	4	-	-
Speech Communication	-	3	-
Humanities Elective	-	4	-
General Psychology	-	-	4
Fitness for Life	-	-	2
Intro to Statistics	-	-	4
Introduction to Physics	-	-	6
Second Year	A	W	S
General Chemistry	5	5	5
Religion	2	-	-
Intro to Medical Terms	-	1	-
Introduction to Computers	-	-	3
Cultural Anthropology	-	4	-
Human Development	-	-	4
Electives ²	9	6	4
Third Year	A	W	S
Systems Physiology	5	-	-
General Physics	4	-	-
Religion	4	-	-
Electives ³	3	16	16

The student must fulfill a total of 138 quarter units. Of which at least 23 units must be upper division from 3 or more content areas.

Footnotes:

1. May be met by taking a three-quarter sequence in music performance or ensemble.
2. Principles of Economics—Macro is recommended to fulfill the Social and Behavioral Science elective. However, there are other choices.
3. Principles of accounting also recommended but not required.

Degreed Students Note:

Andrews University offers a Physical Therapist Education Program on another campus designed as a 4+2 Masters in Physical Therapy catering to college graduates and requiring different prerequisites. If interested, contact AU for more information. This program could save you one year.