

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

FACULTY

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The Physical Therapy Program leads to a bachelor of science degree with a major in physical therapy. The program prepares students for professional careers in hospitals, schools for crippled children, clinics, and other facilities where physical therapists are needed. It is accredited by the AMA Council on Medical Education in collaboration with the American Physical Therapy Association. It is a four-year curriculum, plus a clinical internship at the end of the last year.

An application for admission to the University must be completed to determine the student's eligibility. Graduate students are not eligible for the program. A separate application must be submitted to the Physical Therapy Program on or before February 1 of the year the student wishes to enter the program. All required prerequisites must be completed prior to entering the major. A very limited number of students are admitted to the program each fall. Applications to the Physical Therapy Program will be screened during the spring semester.

The following admissions criteria will be reviewed by the screening committee.

- (1) Completion of the required units as listed below.
- (2) A grade of B or better in each of the required courses.
- (3) Specific health criteria based on a physical examination.
- (4) Completion of 60 units including all University requirements.
- (5) Evidence of knowledge of physical therapy through employment, volunteering or observation in a physical therapy department for a minimum of 15 hours.
- (6) Evidence of knowledge of content of the prerequisite courses by passing a written comprehensive examination.
- (7) Participate in a personal interview.

Recommended foundation courses are high school chemistry, physics, algebra, geometry and biology.

Meeting the above criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the major.

Students transferring from community colleges and other colleges or universities who meet the above criteria will be considered on the same basis as California State University, Fresno, students applying for admission to the major.

Criteria for retention and progression in the program include a grade of C or better in each physical therapy course and completion of all courses in the major.

Students must carry malpractice insurance and must provide their own transportation to hospitals and clinics for off campus classes and clinical laboratories. Students must also provide for all expenses while taking the clinical internship at the end of the senior year. For supplemental application form write to the Physical Therapy Program, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, California 93740 and include a self-addressed legal size envelope for requested return information.

COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS

The resources of institutions including Fresno Community Hospital, Valley Medical Center of Fresno, Saint Agnes Hospital, Sierra Hospital, U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, and other hospitals and clinics throughout the State will be utilized to provide clinical laboratory experience. In addition, schools within the Fresno City Unified District, Fresno County Schools, and other agencies which deal with the physically handicapped will be involved. As the program expands, additional resources will be used.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

The bachelor of science degree curriculum in physical therapy consists of 132 units of which 66 are in the physical therapy major.

	<i>Units</i>
Ph Th 50, 100, 115, 116, 120, 121, 122, 123, 130, 131, 132, 133, 143, 151, 152, 153, 155, 175	58
Phy 155, 160	8