

Resources for Pre-PT students:

General Information about Physical Therapy

- Useful information about physical therapy as a career, including training, scope of practice, licensure requirements, and work force data can be found here: [apta.org/your-career/careers-in-physical-therapy](https://www.apta.org/your-career/careers-in-physical-therapy)

PT program admission requirements

- Most PT programs require qualified applicants to possess a baccalaureate degree in addition to completing pre-requisite courses in subjects such as in biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and math or statistics. Specific requirements vary from one institution to another, so prospective applicants should carefully peruse the requirements for each individual program of interest while developing their undergraduate degree plan.
- Information about PT education and program admission requirements, as well as a searchable database of accredited PT programs, can be found here: [apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/](https://www.apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/)
- Comparisons and summaries of requirements for PT programs participating in PTCAS can be viewed here: ptcasdirectory.apta.org/85/Program-Prerequisites

How to apply to a PT program

- Prospective students can apply to many (but not all) accredited PT programs located nationally or internationally using the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS), which can be accessed here: [ptcas.org/home.aspx](https://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx).
- If your school of interest does not participate in PTCAS, you will need to apply to the program directly. Please contact the admissions office of the program you are interested in, or view their webpage for specific details of the application process.

GRE exam

- Most PT programs require that students submit scores for the revised general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The exam should be taken at least 6 weeks before the application deadline. Prospective students can repeat this exam as necessary to achieve a score that meets the desired benchmarks (these vary from program to program) or to enhance the competitiveness of a student's PT school application.
- To learn more about the format of the revised general GRE, please visit the following site: [ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/)
- Dates and locations for the GRE, as well as information on how to register can be found here: [ets.org/gre/revised_general/register](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register)
- Official GRE prep materials may be purchased, and some are freely available through this link: [ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/)

Licensure

- In addition to receiving your PT degree, you will need to be licensed before you are allowed to practice. The licensing requirements vary from state to state, and are regulated by the Board of Physical Therapy within each state. Licensure requirements require that applicants pass the national physical therapy board exam (NPTE) in addition to any other certification examinations required by the state.
- More detailed information regarding licensure of PT's in Texas can be found here: ptot.texas.gov/page/home
- Information about the NPTE can be found here: fsbpt.org/