The following are a list of recommendations for students who are considering or preparing to apply for graduate programs of Physical Therapy. These are based on admission requirements for the University of Maryland’s DPT Program and requirements at other schools will somewhat vary. A more complete list of resources can be found on the Pre-PT website: http://www.towson.edu/chp/undergraduate/PT.asp

**Recommended Prerequisite Coursework**

**Biology** (4-8 semester hours) - In addition to Human Anatomy and Physiology listed above, one or two courses from the field of biology, not to include Botany or Environmental Sciences.  
*TU Course BIOL 190*

**Human Anatomy** (with lab recommended, 4 semester credit hours). One course in Human Anatomy or the first course in the series of Anatomy and Physiology I&II. Anatomy content should include skeletal and muscular systems of the human body.  
*TU Course BIOL 221 & 221L*

**Physiology** (with lab recommended, 4 semester credit hours). One course in Physiology or the second course in the series of Anatomy and Physiology I&II. Physiology content should cover various systems including: cardiovascular, endocrine, respiratory, etc...  
*TU Course BIOL 222 & 222L*

**General Chemistry I** (with lab 4 semester credit hours). Content must include atomic and molecular structure. This course should be the first in the Chemistry I&II series.  
*TU Course CHEM 131 & 131L*

**General Chemistry II with lab** (4 semester credit hours) - In addition to Chemistry I listed above. This course should be the second course in the Chemistry I&II series and must include a lab.  
*TU Course CHEM 132 & 132L*

**General Physics I** (with lab 4 semester credit hours). Non-calculus or calculus based.  
*TU Course PHYS 211*

**General Physics II** (with lab 4 semester credit hours). Non-calculus or calculus based.  
*TU Course PHYS 212*

**Statistics** (3-4 semester credit hours). Course content should include mean, median, mode, standard deviation, t-tests, etc...  
*TU Course MATH 231*

**Psychology** (3 semester credit hours). Abnormal or Developmental. Developmental Psychology recommended.  
*TU Courses PSYC 361 and PSYC 203*

**Human Behavior** (6 semester hours) - In addition to Abnormal Psychology or Developmental Psychology listed above, one or two courses that include a knowledge of human behavior from an individual or societal perspective.  
*TU Courses PSYC 101 & SOCI 101*

**Additional recommendations:**

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required of all applicants
- **Physical Therapy Experience** - All applicants must complete a minimum of 100 hours observing the practice of physical therapy. The admissions committee strongly recommends that you complete as many hours as possible prior to submitting the application for admission. Applicants are encouraged to observe the practice of physical therapy in different clinical settings (acute care, rehab and out-patient).

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