



Cerritos College

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Career Pathway

(The following does not lead to an Associate of Arts degree)

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is the required degree to become a licensed physical therapist as of 2015. For specific information on schools not listed here please consult the catalogs of those schools and speak to a counselor.

California State University – Fresno

The Department of Physical Therapy offers an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. A student applying to become a Physical Therapist applies to the entry-level DPT program. Admissions to the entry level DPT graduate program requires that an individual possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, an overall 3.0 GPA on all completed upper-division coursework, and complete all prerequisites requirements prior to beginning the professional major. Students are only admitted for fall semester. Admission to the entry-level, 3 year DPT requires the following requirements:

Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Chemistry (Inorganic, Organic or Biochemistry with labs, 2 semesters), Physics with lab including mechanics, heat, light, sound and electricity, General Psychology, Psychological Aspects of Disability or Abnormal Psychology and Introduction to basic statistics. Please consult www.assist.org for more information regarding specific courses.

California State University – Long Beach

California State University, Long Beach offers an entry-level physical therapy professional curriculum that leads to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. To prepare for the 3 year program students must follow an undergraduate program which includes appropriate physical, biological, and behavioral science prerequisite courses before applying to the program. All students applying must hold or be eligible to hold a Bachelor's degree. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

CSULB Lower Division Prerequisites:

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A&P	150	Introduction to Human Anatomy	4
and A&P	151	Introduction to Human Physiology	4
or A&P	200	Human Anatomy	(5)
and A&P	201	Human Physiology	5
BIOL	200	Principles of Biology	5
BIOL	201	Principles of Biology	5
CHEM	111	General Chemistry	5
CHEM	112	General Chemistry	5
PHYS	101	General Physics	4
PHYS	102	General Physics	4
PSYC	101	General Introductory Psychology	3

California State University – Northridge

The DPT degree prepares students for licensure as physical therapists. The program requires three academic years and three summers to complete. Full-time enrollment is necessary including summers. All students must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher throughout the program.

Requirements for the program include:

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree and the following prerequisite courses :

A&P	200	Human Anatomy	5
and A&P	201	Human Physiology	5
or A&P	150	Introduction to Human Anatomy	(4)

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and A&P	151	Introduction to Human Physiology	4
BIOL	120	Introduction to Biological Science	4
CHEM	111	General Chemistry	5
CHEM	112	General Chemistry	5
PHYS	101	General Physics	4
PHYS	102	General Physics	4
PSYC	101	General Introductory Psychology	3

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Physical Therapists help persons with various diseases or injuries to overcome their disabilities. They are members of a rehabilitation team, which is directed by a physician. Although qualified Physical Therapists may treat many types of patients, some specialize in caring for children or for patients with arthritis, amputations or paralysis. Successful completion of a Bachelor or Master's degree qualifies one to take the State of California examination to practice as a Physical Therapist.

See State University Colleges General Education List.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The requirements listed for major are subject to change without notice. It is the student's responsibility to check for the most recent information with a Cerritos College counselor or by consulting ASSIST at www.assist.org.

NOTE: Courses listed may require prerequisite coursework.

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ASSIST

How to use **ASSIST** to find your major preparation for CSU/UC:

1. **Log on:** www.assist.org
2. **Select an Institution:** select "Cerritos College" or other community college from pull-down menu
3. **Select:** "Type of Transfer Institution" such as "UC Los Angeles"
4. **Select a major from pull-down menu**
Report will show the university courses on the left and comparable community college classes on the right.
5. **PRINT:**-print by clicking on gold "**PRINT THIS REPORT**" button on top. Then use the **ASSIST** screen menu on the top toolbar or click on the printer icon that will appear at the bottom of the page.

How to use **ASSIST** to explore the majors available at University of California and California State University campuses

- Click on "EXPLORE MAJORS"

How to use **ASSIST** to figure out whether courses from the community college are transferable to the CSU/UC.

- Select the community college of interest (Cerritos College)
- Select either CSU transferable courses or UC Transferable courses
- Select a department for the courses in question

*USC Articulation available at:

www.usc.edu/articulation and **Select:** "TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE."

IMPORTANT:

Students are advised to contact a Cerritos College counselor for more information & for details regarding other transfer agreements & options not available on ASSIST. Students can stop by the counseling desk to make an appointment or call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2231.