A physical therapist is a member of the health-care team whose primary responsibility is to test, evaluate, and treat patients with acute or prolonged movement dysfunction. Treatments are planned and implemented to restore normal health and function to the body. This is done through patient and family education, a planned program of exercise and the use of a variety of physical agents such as heat, cold, light, water or electricity. Physical therapy specialization with certification in areas such as pediatrics, orthopedics, sports medicine, cardiopulmonary, electrophysiology, and geriatrics has become common and desirable.

Physical Therapists are licensed by the state in which they practice. Accreditation of education programs is by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Entry-level education in physical therapy may occur at the baccalaureate level or post-baccalaureate level. There are ten physical therapy programs in Texas. Please see below for contact information.

The following schools in Texas offer the **Doctoral Degree** in Physical Therapy:

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PHYSICAL THERAPY PREREQUISITES

**Texas State Univ.** (requires a bachelor’s degree)
- BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
- BIOL 3500 Medical terminology (2 hrs)
- KINE 3080 Physiological bases of exercise (3 hrs)
- CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry I (4 hrs)
- CHEM 1420/1440 General chemistry II (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1410/1430 General physics I (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1420/1440 General physics II (4 hrs)
- MATH 1680 Probability and statistics (3 hrs)
- PSYC 1630 General psychology (3 hrs)
- PSYC 3620 or PSYC 4610 (3 hrs)

**Texas Woman’s Univ.** (requires a bachelor’s degree)
- BIOL 1710/1730 Principles of biology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 1720/1740 Principles of biology II (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
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- PHYS 1420/1440 General physics II (4 hrs)
- MATH 1680 Probability and statistics (3 hrs)
- MATH 1100 College algebra (3 hrs)
- Psychology courses (6 hrs)

**UT-HSC San Antonio** (doesn’t require a bachelor degree)
- BIOL 1710/1730 Principles of biology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 1720/1740 Principles of biology II (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
- BIOL 3500 Medical terminology (2 hrs)
- CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry I (4 hrs)
- CHEM 1420/1440 General chemistry II (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1410/1430 General physics I (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1420/1440 General physics II (4 hrs)
- MATH 1680 Probability and statistics (3 hrs)
- PSYC 1630 General psychology (3 hrs)
- PSYC 3620 or PSYC 4610 (3 hrs)
- *Must complete at least 90 credit hours of the Texas core, program prerequisites and electives if you do not have a baccalaureate degree

**UT Southwestern** (requires a bachelor’s degree)
- BIOL 1710/1730 Principles of biology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 1720/1740 Principles of biology II (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
- CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry I (4 hrs)
- CHEM 1420/1440 General chemistry II (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1410/1430 General physics I (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1420/1440 General physics II (4 hrs)
- MATH 1680 Probability and statistics (3 hrs)
- MATH 1100 College algebra (3 hrs)
- PSYC 1630 General psychology (3 hrs)
- PSYC 3620 or PSYC 4610 (3 hrs)
- *BIOL 3500 Medical terminology (2 hrs)
- *KINE 3080 Physiological bases of exercise
- *Courses are recommended

**UT- El Paso** (requires a bachelor’s degree)
- BIOL 1710/1730 Principles of biology I (4 hrs)
- BIOL 1720/1740 Principles of biology II (4 hrs)
- Upper level physiology course w/ lab (4 hrs)
- ⇒ BIOL 3800/3810 Animal physiology
- ⇒ BIOL 4504/4505 Comparative physiology
- CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry I (4 hrs)
- CHEM 1420/1440 General chemistry II (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1410/1430 General physics I (4 hrs)
- PHYS 1420/1440 General physics II (4 hrs)
- Psychology elective (3 hrs)
- PSYC 3620 Developmental psychology (3 hrs)
- ENGL 1310 College writing I (3 hrs)
- ENGL 1320 college writing II (3 hrs)
- TECM 2700 Technical writing (3 hrs)
- COMM 1010 Intro to communication (3 hrs)
- MATH 1680 Probability and statistics (3 hrs)
Angelo State Univ (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 2301/2311 anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
BIOL 3500 Medical terminology (2 hours)
Upper level anatomy or physiology w/ lab (4hrs)
→BIOL 4505/4504 comparative physiology [pick]
→BIOL 3000 anatomy of vertebrate [one]
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
CHEM 1420/1440 general chemistry II (4hrs)
PHYS 1410/1430 general physics I (4hrs)
PHYS 1420/1440 general physics II (4hrs)
MATH 1680 probability and statistics (3hrs)
MATH 1100 college algebra (3hrs)
MATH 1600 trigonometry (3hrs)
PSYC 1630 general psychology (3hrs)
PSYC 3620 or PSYC 4610 (3hrs)
TECM 2700 technical writing

UNT-HSC (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 1710/1730 principles of biology I (4hrs)
BIOL 1720/1740 principles of biology II (4hrs)
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
CHEM 1420/1440 general chemistry II (4hrs)
PHYS 1410/1430 general physics I (4hrs)
PHYS 1420/1440 general physics II (4hrs)
Psychology electives (6hrs)
Strongly encouraged: anatomy & physiology, biomechanics, exercise physiology, statistics and medical terminology

TX Tech Univ HSC (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 1710/1730 principles of biology I (4hrs)
BIOL 1720/1740 principles of biology II (4hrs)
BIOL 2301/2311 anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
CHEM 1420/1440 general chemistry II (4hrs)
PHYS 1410/1430 general physics I (4hrs)
PHYS 1420/1440 general physics II (4hrs)
PSYC 1630 general psychology (3hrs)
MATH 1680 probability and statistics (3hrs)

Hardin Simmons (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 1710/1730 principles of biology I (4hrs)
BIOL 1720/1740 principles of biology II (4hrs)
BIOL 2301/2311 anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
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MATH 1680 probability and statistics (3hrs)
PSYC 1630 general psychology (3hrs)
PSYC 3620 or PSYC 4610 (3hrs)
COMM 1010 intro to communication (3hrs)

Baylor Univ (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 1710/1730 principles of biology I (4hrs)
BIOL 2301/2311 anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
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MATH 1680 probability and statistics (3hrs)
Social Science-SOCI, ANTH, PHIL or PSYC (3hrs)

Univ. of the Incarnate Word (requires a bachelor’s degree)
BIOL 1710/1730 principles of biology I (4hrs)
BIOL 2301/2311 anatomy & physiology I (4 hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 anatomy & physiology II (4 hrs)
CHEM 1410/1430 general chemistry I (4hrs)
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PHYS 1410/1430 general physics I (4hrs)
PHYS 1420/1440 general physics II (4hrs)
MATH 1680 probability and statistics (3hrs)
PSYC 1630 general psychology (3hrs)
PSYC 3620 developmental psychology (3hrs)
Beginning Spanish for health professions at UIW (3hrs)

REFER TO THE SCHOOLS WEBSITE FOR OBSERVATION HOURS & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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