Pre-Physical Therapy

Physical therapy schools offer two-year master’s level programs and a movement is beginning to also offer three-year doctorate programs. This pre-physical therapy program at Covenant College allows students to gain the benefits of the Christ-centered education offered here. Although our students have done well in being competitive in gaining admittance to various physical therapy schools, completion of our pre-physical therapy program does not automatically guarantee admission to a physical therapy school. Each student must meet the student admission requirements of that institution. Competition is very intense and students with less than a 3.50 GPA and mediocre GRE scores will not be encouraged to apply to graduate programs. The major is in natural science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy. The core and distribution requirements are those listed for baccalaureate degrees on page 22, except for the lab science and mathematics. Major and supporting courses required for the major are listed below. This major is administered by both the biology and the physical education departments. A minor in physical education is often recommended to complement this major in natural science.

Core Requirements .............................................................. 53
Electives ............................................................................... 6-8

Requirements for Major in Natural Science: Pre-physical Therapy

BIO 111-112. General Biology I, II ......................................... 8
BIO 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II ............ 8
BIO 312/PE 493. Physical Therapy Practicum ....................... 2
BIO 490 Biology Seminar (one unit) or
   ENG252. Speech (two units) ‘S’ ................................. 1-2
BIO 492/PE 492. Senior Integration Paper ......................... 2
   (BIO 493 recommended ........................................... 1)
CHE 121-122. General Chemistry I, II ................................ 8
MAT 142. Precalculus ....................................................... 4
PE 431. Kinesiology ....................................................... 3
PE 433. Physiology of Exercise ....................................... 3
PHY 131-132. General College Physics I, II ....................... 8
PSY 100. General Psychology ......................................... 4
PSY 303. Developmental Psychology .............................. 4
A sociology elective ......................................................... 3
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods ......................... 4
Elective (sociology of health, nutrition, microbiology) .... 3-4
   Major Total ................................................................. 65-67
   Grand total ............................................................. 126