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.

Requirements for Major in Natural Science: Pre-physical Therapy

The core and distribution requirements are those listed for baccalaureate degrees on page 22, with the exception that mathematics and natural science lab courses are satisfied with non-department courses required for the major. 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..............................................................51
Electives.......................................................................... 8-10

Major and Supporting Course Requirements

BIO 111-112. General Biology I, II .................................8
BIO 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II ‘W’ ...8
BIO 312/PE 493. Physical Therapy Practicum ...............2
BIO 490. Biology Seminar (one unit) or ENG252. Speech (two units) ‘S’ .................................. 1-2
(BIO 493 recommended) ...........................................1)
CHE 121-122. General Chemistry I, II .........................8
MAT 142. Pre-Calculus Mathematics ............................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

Sociology elective ............................................................3
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods .....................4
Elective (sociology of health, nutrition, microbiology) ....3-4
Total hours for the major ........................................65-67
Total degree hours..................................................126