

ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE

PRE-PROFESSIONAL (PHYSICAL THERAPY)

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	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
First Year	BIOL 1250: Introduction to Human Anatomy EXS 1600: First Aid/CPR General Education and/or Major Requirements	4 2 10	BIOL 1260: Introduction to Cell Biology PSYC 1000: Introduction to Psychology SOC 1910: Introduction to Sociology Elective	4 4 4 4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16
Second Year	BIOL 2000+ level course CHEM 1150: Introductory Chemistry I MATH 1510 or STAT 1490: Calculus I* or Introductory Statistics General Education and/or Major Requirements	4 4 4 4	BIOL 2930: Advanced Human Physiology CHEM 1160: Introductory Chemistry II PSYC 2700: Lifespan Human Development General Education and/or Major Requirements	4 4 4 4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16
Third Year	See Pre-Professional Advisor for assistance in selecting Pre-Physical Therapy Classes General Education and/or Major Requirements	12 4	See Pre-Professional Advisor for assistance in selecting Pre-Physical Therapy Classes General Education and/or Major Requirements	12 4
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Fourth Year	See Pre-Professional Advisor for assistance in selecting Pre-Physical Therapy Classes General Education and/or Major Requirements	12 4	See Pre-Professional Advisor for assistance in selecting Pre-Physical Therapy Classes General Education and/or Major Requirements	12 4
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* Varies with PT program

The University offers a pre-professional program in physical therapy. This program is not a major in the strict sense, but is sequences of courses, which will establish an adequate foundation for entry into graduate professional study. Students who are contemplating entry into graduate professional program in physical therapy will understand the increasingly competitive nature of this field. North Park provides advisory services and foundation courses, which enable its graduates to compete very favorably for entry into such graduate programs. Close contact with the University's pre-professional advisors should be maintained throughout the student's residence at North Park

Notes:

- **Student should contact or Dr. Linda Vick at (773) 244-5660 to discuss this pre-professional track.**
- If the student is not a strong student in the sciences and considering majoring in Biology, they should start with Biology and begin the Chemistry sequence the second year.
- If the student is not a strong student in the sciences and considering majoring in Chemistry, they should start with Chemistry and begin the Biology sequence the second year.
- An internship in a physical therapy setting is strongly recommended.
- Individual physical therapy programs may have different requirements than those listed. It is the student's responsibility to meet the requirements of those programs of interest to the student.

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Graduation Requirement:

120 semester hours, minimum

General Education Requirements:

44 semester hours

- The North Park Dialogue (12)
 - Dialogue I (4)
 - Dialogue II (4)
 - Dialogue III (4)
- Culture and Society (4) Met by pre-professional course SOC 1910
- Personal Development (2)
- Biblical Studies (8)
 - BTS 1850 (4)
 - BTS option (4)
- Foreign Language (8)
 - 1010 Level (4)
 - 1020 Level (4)
- Mathematics (4) Met by pre-professional course MATH 1510 or STAT 1490
- Fine Arts (2)
- Natural Science (4)
 - Biology (2) Met by pre-professional course BIOL 1250
 - Chemistry/Physics (2) Met by pre-professional course CHEM 1150

Some general education courses may meet course requirements for your major or pre-professional program

See General Education checklist for specific courses that will fulfill each requirement.
<http://www.northpark.edu/generaleducation>

Pre-Professional Requirements: Physical Therapy

Core Courses:

- BIOL 1250: Introduction to Human Anatomy (4)
- BIOL 1260: Introduction to Cell Biology (4)
- BIOL 2930: Advanced Human Physiology (4)
- BIOL 2000+: Upper level Biology course (4)
- CHEM 1150: Introduction to Chemistry I (4)
- CHEM 1160: Introduction to Chemistry II (4)
- EXS 1610: First Aid/CPR (2)
- MATH 1510 or STAT 1490: Calculus I or Introduction to Statistics (4)
- PSYC 1000: Introduction to Psychology (4)
- PSYC 2700: Lifespan Human Development (4)
- SOC 1910: Introductory Sociology (4)

Majors that are suggested are:

- Biology
- Exercise Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Other courses are recommended to enter a physical therapy program. The student will need to contact Dr. Peter Pearson, Pre-Professional Advisor at (773) 244-5657 to inquire about these additional courses.

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Additional Graduation Requirements

- Total of 120 semester hours, minimum. Additional courses may need to be taken to meet this requirement.
- Grade Point Average
 - Overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00
 - Cumulative grade point average in major of 2.00
- Last 30 semester hours must be taken at North Park
- Acceptance into the major

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