PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY PREREQUISITE GUIDE 2026-27

Below is a list of the **recommended** coursework for eligibility across all South Carolina PT programs. Prerequisite courses vary from program to program; therefore, this list is intended to be used as a guide to help students start planning their coursework and may not fully encompass all prerequisites at every PT school. It is essential for students to do their own program research early so that they may complete the required courses for their prospective programs.

SCIENCE/MATH PREREQUISITES:

Prerequisite	Wofford Course Equivilent	Notes
Biology with lab (8 hours)	BIOL 150 with lab, BIOL 213 with lab	Students will need 8 hours of BIOL to fulfill this requirement. BIOL 150 with lab and BIOL 213 with lab will typically satisfy this requirement. Verify with individual programs.
Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 123 with lab	
Chemistry II with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 124 with lab	
Human Anatomy with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 440 with lab	
Physiology with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 342 with lab	
Physics I with lab (4 hours)	PHYS 121 with lab or PHYS 141 with lab	
Physics II with lab (4 hours)	PHYS 122 with lab or PHYS 142 with lab	
Statistics (3 hours)	MATH 140	
Psychology (3-6 hours)	PSYC 150 with lab, PSYC 220, PSYC 241	Program requirements vary. Course examples that PT programs often accept include Introductory Psychology (PSYC 150 with lab at Wofford), Psychopathology (PSYC 220 at Wofford) and Developmental Psychology (PSYC 241 at Wofford). Charleston Southern requires 3 hours of psychology beyond introductory psychology that studies behavioral, developmental psychology in adolescent and adulthood population, and/or psychopathology (sometimes referred to as abnormal psychology). MUSC requires an introductory psychology and an upper-level psychology. Anderson and USC require 3 hours of psychology.
Medical Terminology (1 hour)		Not currently offered at Wofford, so students will need to take the course through another institution. Medical Terminology is required by Anderson University and Charleston Southern University.

GRADES: It is important to perform strongly in these prerequisite courses. Programs often have a minimum grade requirement for all prerequisite coursework. Students should strive for higher than the minimum grade requirement to be a competitive applicant.

COURSE EXPIRATION DATES: Some schools have expiration dates on prerequisite coursework. Make sure that your courses meet the expiration date requirements for your prospective programs.

ONLINE COURSES: Students are encouraged to take science prerequisite courses and labs in person, as some programs may not accept online sciences/labs.

AP CREDIT: Not all PT schools accept AP credit. Students should verify with prospective schools.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY: PT schools require 8 total hours of Anatomy and Physiology. Students can meet these requirements by taking either one semester of Anatomy with lab (4 hours) and one semester of Physiology with lab (4 hours) OR Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (4 hours) and Anatomy and Physiology II with lab (4 hours). Students must complete one sequence or the other. *Example: Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (4 hours) and one semester Physiology with lab (4 hours) will **not** satisfy the requirement.* Wofford does not offer A&P I and II, so students must take elsewhere if this is the sequence they would like to complete.

STUDY ABROAD: Students are encouraged to study abroad during their four years at Wofford. Several programs offer valuable experiences that align well with the interests and goals of pre-health students. If you have questions about which programs may be a good fit for your pre-health pathway or how to incorporate study abroad into your academic plan, you can make an appointment with the Office of International Programs for guidance and support.

Below are the Wofford sequences and a suggested timeline for students to complete the recommended coursework if their goal is to attend PT school immediately after graduating from Wofford:

BIOL 150 W/ LAB ⟶ BIOL 213 + BIOL 213L ⟶ BIOL 215

Complete sequence by the end of sophomore year

Note: BIOL 215 is not a prerequisite for PT school, but is a prerequisite for BIOL 342 and BIOL 440 at Wofford

CHEM 123 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 124 W/ LAB

Complete sequence by the end of sophomore year

PHYS 121 W/ LAB OR PHYS 141 W/ LAB ⟶ PHYS 122 W/ LAB OR PHYS 142 W/ LAB

Complete sequence by the end of junior year

BIOL 342 W/ LAB AND BIOL 440 W/ LAB

Begin junior year

PSYCHOLOGY AND MATH 140

Complete by junior year

Note: Upper-level BIOL courses (ex: BIOL 342, 440) fill up quickly at Wofford; therefore, students will likely have to take at least one of these courses as a senior. Many schools will allow four prerequisite hours to be pending at the time of application submission. Again, it is essential to verify with individual programs EARLY, so students can plan their coursework accordingly. Every student has a different timeline and academic path. There is no one-size-fits-all plan. For questions about planning their courses, students can contact the pre-health advisor Mary Katherine Bradley in the Office of Academic Advising to discuss their personal academic plan: bradleymk@wofford.edu.

PT SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Anderson University

Charleston Southern University

Medical University of South Carolina residential and hybrid programs

University of South Carolina

For more PT programs, visit the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) program directory.