What is Physical Therapy? Physical therapy is a dynamic profession with an established theoretical and scientific base and widespread clinical applications in the restoration, maintenance, and promotion of optimal physical function. Physical therapists diagnose and manage movement dysfunction and enhance physical and functional abilities for their patients.

The median annual Physical Therapist salary is $71,000, as of October 20, 2019, with a range usually between $55,000 – $91,000, however this can vary widely depending on a variety of factors.

A student may elect to major in any chosen field; however, there are certain required courses which a student must complete prior to admission to physical therapy school – see back of handout.

How do I apply? To apply for physical therapy school, students should:
  ❖ Complete all prerequisites
  ❖ Register for and score competitively on the GRE
  ❖ Obtain relevant volunteer experience with a Physical Therapist
  ❖ Complete and submit the application for the school of your choice

Selection Criteria:
  ❖ Grades – the minimum GPR varies from school to school, with an average between 3.45 – 3.80
  ❖ Test Scores on your GRE
  ❖ Volunteer/Work experience – students can strengthen their application by gaining practical experience with a practicing Physical Therapist. In fact, some schools require up to 150 volunteer/work experience in 3 different areas before consideration.
  ❖ Letters of Recommendations (from professors and practicing physical therapist)
  ❖ Interview – these are conducted in the last stages of the application period
  ❖ Academic review – Having frequent Q-Drops can adversely affect the application
  ❖ Applications should be sent approximately 10 months prior to entry date

Programs in Texas:
  ❖ Angelo State University – San Angelo
  ❖ Baylor University - Waco
  ❖ Hardin-Simmons University - Abilene
  ❖ Texas State University – San Marcos
  ❖ Texas Tech University Health Science Center - Lubbock
  ❖ Texas Woman's University – Dallas and Houston
  ❖ University of Mary Hardin-Baylor - Belton
  ❖ University of Texas at El Paso
  ❖ US Army Baylor University – San Antonio
  ❖ UT Health Science Center at San Antonio
  ❖ UT Medical Branch at Galveston
  ❖ UT Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas
  ❖ University of North Texas – Fort Worth
  ❖ University of the Incarnate Word – San Antonio
  ❖ University of St. Augustine - Austin
## Course Prerequisite for Physical Therapy Schools

Please note that these schools do not have a standardized prerequisite curriculum and that each school sets their own entrance requirements.

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*Please note: All prerequisites and information are subject to change at any time without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain up-to-date on all requirements.*

*Must be technical writing or a 4.5 on the writing section of GRE*

**UTHSCSA and St. Aug require a lifespan comprehensive Course, PSYC 2314 is recommended as a substitution for PSYC 307**

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