Here is a list of prerequisites for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant and Nursing Programs.

Note: this list does not represent every class that might fill the prerequisite. This information is subject to change without written notice or obligation. Students are strongly urged to contact the graduate admissions office to inquire about the prerequisite requirements, any information, and to answer any questions they may have during the admission and financial aid process.

**Occupational Therapy Programs:**

- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Grade of B- or higher in prerequisite courses
- Observation hours in two different OT settings
- Biology with lab
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II with lab
- Two Psychology courses (Intro to Psychology & Abnormal Psychology)
- Introduction to Statistics
- Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Human Growth and Development or Developmental Psychology (Must cover from birth to death)

  **Additional requirements by some schools:**
  - Medical Terminology (one to two credits)
  - Physics with lab; Ethics course
  - Oral Communications (two to three credits) Courses in oral communication include: public speaking, therapeutic or personal communication, etc…

**Physician Assistant Programs:**

Prerequisite course requirements vary from school to school. That being said, there is a general curriculum that most PA schools require before matriculation.

Some programs require:

- Organic Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Some programs require as many as 2,000 patient-care hours

**General Electives**

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I &II with lab
- Biology II
- Microbiology
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Introduction to Statistics
- Intro to Psychology
Physical Therapy (PT) Programs:

The course prerequisites for admission vary significantly across PT education programs. Visit the institutional website or the PTCAS directory to determine what courses each institution requires. PT programs may require pre-professional (pre-PT/undergraduate) science courses to be completed in a four-year university/college within the seven to ten years prior to enrollment.

The most commonly required course prerequisites are below:

General Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab
- Biology 1 (not botany or zoology)
- Biology 2 (not botany or zoology)
- General Chemistry 1 with lab
- General Chemistry 2 with lab
- General Physics 1 with lab
- General Physics 2 with lab
- Psychology
- Statistics

Nursing Programs:

Prerequisite requirements can vary slightly between schools. It is important to check the requirements of each school you are considering to make sure you have completed all of the requirements. Some accelerated nursing programs may have additional requirements and/or recommended courses so it is important to begin your research on accelerated nursing programs sooner than later.

The most commonly required course prerequisites are:

- General Chemistry - most schools require only one semester of general chemistry but there are exceptions
- General Biology (two semesters with lab) - while not many programs require general biology, these courses are a prerequisite to upper-division biology coursework you need
- Microbiology - one semester with lab
- Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab
- Introduction to Statistics
- Nutrition
- Intro to Psychology or Social Behavioral course
- Human Growth and Development (Must cover from birth to death)