

Physical Therapy Curriculum

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Mississippi State University does not provide training in physical therapy but does offer the background work necessary to transfer to a professional school. In their admission requirements professional schools differ, some requiring two years of pre-professional study, some three, and others four. The courses listed below satisfy the requirements of the Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where most Mississippi State University students pursue their professional training. Forty hours of observation are also required. Upon successful completion of the pre-professional and professional work, students are awarded the Ph.D. degree by the professional school. Students wishing to apply to the University of Mississippi Medical Center should do so by January preceding the September they wish to enter. The University of Mississippi Medical Center only accepts Mississippi residents.

Admission requirements:

1. provide evidence of observation in a minimum of two physical therapy clinical departments or practices for a total of 40 hours (additional hours and sites are recommended)
2. have a baccalaureate degree
3. submit an official report of GRE scores. The report must include verbal, quantitative and analytical scores
4. return all application materials to the Office of Student Records and Registrar by the admissions deadline, and
5. complete the following prerequisite course requirements:
 - two physics courses with labs
 - two biological sciences courses with labs
 - two chemistry courses with labs
 - statistics course (mathematics, psychology or education)
 - advanced physical or biological science course
6. a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale