

Pre-physical therapy at Clemson University

✓ Plan your path

Core prerequisites
checklist for many
physical therapy
programs:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Anatomy and physiology
- Physics
- Statistics
- Psychology
- Upper-level psychology

These additional
courses may be required
by other programs:

- Medical terminology
- Ethics
- Exercise physiology

Prerequisites
vary by school.
Please refer to
your preferred
school's website
for detailed
requirement
information.



Physical therapists are experts of movement and function, and they work with patients to improve their strength and mobility.

Physical therapy is a dynamic and progressive profession with continued advances in evidence-based and innovative practice, education, lifelong learning and advocacy. There are many reasons students choose a career as a physical therapist. The field provides an excellent income and flexibility. Many PTs enjoy the independence and autonomy of owning their own practice and the ability to determine their own hours, thus allowing more time for their personal life.

Applying to physical therapy programs

In addition to showing solid academic performance, students pursuing a career in physical therapy should have the desire to help others, be able to work with people of all ages and abilities and like working with people one-on-one. Students will take the GRE to assess communication and reasoning skills and will need to obtain letters of recommendation, including one from a physical therapist.



Gain experience

- ▶ Job shadow a physical therapist.
- ▶ Apply for internships in a medical facility that offers physical therapy or a physical therapy office.
- ▶ Seek opportunities for research experience.

Find out more

The American Physical Therapy Association provides resources for students considering becoming a physician assistant as a career.

- ▶ Visit apta.org for more information.

Physical therapy career options

- ▶ Private practitioner offices
- ▶ Clinics
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Sports medicine
- ▶ Orthopedics
- ▶ Neurologic rehabilitation
- ▶ Pediatrics
- ▶ Cardiopulmonary
- ▶ Women's health
- ▶ Geriatrics
- ▶ Schools

PT programs in South Carolina

- ▶ Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
- ▶ University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health
- ▶ Anderson University



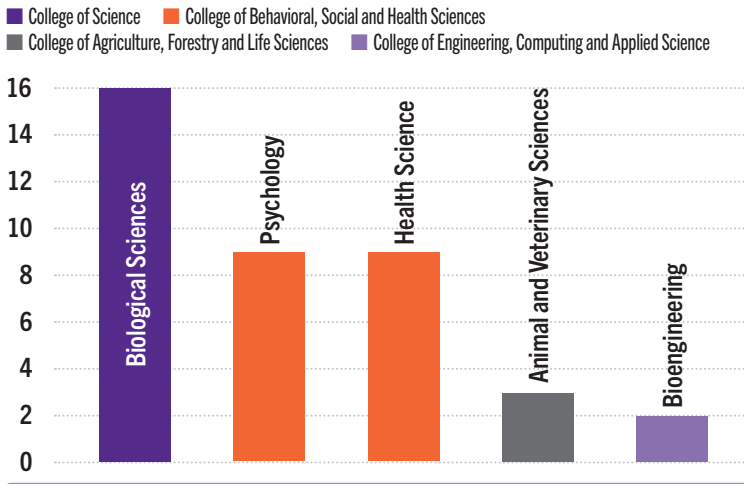
To learn more, connect with Clemson's pre-physical therapy club
Instagram: [@clemsonptclub](https://www.instagram.com/clemsonptclub)

Or contact Health Professions Advising
Email: cuhpa@clemson.edu



Physical therapy school matriculation profile

Accepted undergraduate students by major



Average GPA

of accepted Clemson students

3.6

Average writing GRE of accepted Clemson students: **4**

305

Average GRE

of accepted Clemson students

Average attendance cost

IN STATE
35,000–\$174,000

OUT OF STATE
\$50,000–\$215,000

Average acceptance rate

National average

71%

Clemson average

76%

Clemson average is higher than the national average

Source: TBA

+5%

Where students matriculate

Students most frequently attend these physical therapy schools after Clemson:

- ▶ Medical University of South Carolina
- ▶ Anderson University
- ▶ University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Projected growth in employment

2021–31: **17%**

\$97,960

average physical therapist salary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022

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