Physical therapists are a vital part of health care and help improve many people's quality of life. To become a licensed physical therapist, individuals must first complete a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. There are many requirements to start a DPT program, including having a Bachelor’s degree, completing certain courses, taking the GRE, completing observation hours, and providing letters of recommendation. Here is a brief overview of the details and requirements for Sacramento State’s DPT program.

**ADMITTED STUDENT OVERVIEW**
- Class size: 32
- Avg Prereq GPA: 3.85
- GRE recommended scores:
  - Quantitative: 29th percentile
  - Analytical: 3.5

**APPLICATION DETAILS**
- PTCAS application due 1st week in October
- If invited for an interview, a supplemental application will be required
- GRE Code: 7588

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**PREREQUISITES**
Courses (must be with a grade of C or higher)
- Human Anatomy w/ lab
- Human Physiology w/ lab
- 1 yr Chemistry w/ lab
- 1 yr Physics w/ lab
- General Psychology
- Additional Psychology
- Statistics
- Exercise Physiology

Course Requirements
- Only 4 can be outstanding at the time of application, only 2 by the end of fall semester of application year
- 10 yr currency requirement for Anatomy, Physiology, & Exercise Physiology courses

**HOURS, LETTERS OF REC.**
Observation Hours
50 hours
- Must be with a licensed PT, inpatient and/or outpatient PT settings. *Both settings will be required starting 2025 application cycle.*
- Can be volunteer or paid
- No additional points given for over 50 hours. --Applications w/out 50 hours verified time will not be reviewed

Letters of Recommendation
3 letters total
- 1 must be from a licensed physical therapist
- 1 must be from a Professor
- 1 must be from another PT, Professor, or employer/supervisor

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
*Additional admission points may be earned by taking up to 4 of the following “advanced courses”*
- Advanced Human Anatomy
- Neuroanatomy
- Motor Learning
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Advanced Exercise Physiology or Cardiac Rehabilitation