

PHYSICAL THERAPY (Doctor of Physical Therapy, DPT)

• **RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY** – The following recommendations illustrate a comprehensive (yet generalized and summarized) listing of prerequisites from the listed institutions and attempt to meet their core requirements. Contact institutions directly or visit their web sites for complete and current course and admission requirements and transfer questions. Completion of undergraduate degree requirements at UNI may differ from this listing. **University of Northern Iowa Course Equivalents / Recommendations in Bold**

Schools Used to Base Requirements	Creighton University (Omaha, NE) ♦ Des Moines University (Des Moines, IA) ♦ University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA) ♦ St. Ambrose University (Davenport, IA)
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For most programs, completion of a baccalaureate degree is required (at UNI common majors are Biology, Movement and Exercise Science or Athletic Training); certain institutions do admit with a minimum of 90 semester hours of credit. ➤ Institutions which require a completed baccalaureate degree require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) for admission to the program. ➤ Institutions which require a completed baccalaureate degree recommend a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) for all prerequisite courses.
Course Prerequisites:	
Biology	8 – 12 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Biology: Organismal Diversity (840:051) and General Biology: Cell Structure and Function (840:052). • All of the hours must include a corresponding lab.
Anatomy & Physiology	8 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One course in human anatomy and one course in human physiology (840:101 or 840:106 and 840:102). • All of the hours must include a corresponding lab.
Chemistry	8 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Chemistry I (860:044) and General Chemistry II (860:048)
Physics	8 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Physics I (880:054) and General Physics II (880:056)
Statistics	3 semester hours (suggested 800:072 or 840:157)
Mathematics	3 – 4 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trigonometry or higher level (suggested based on ability: 800:044 and 800:056; or 800:046; or 800:060).
Psychology	6 – 9 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended in lifespan, abnormal (400:142), developmental (400:120), neurology (400:127) and biopsychology (400:155).
Composition / Speech / Communications	6 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one course in English composition (620:005; 48C:001 is also recommended).
Humanities / Social Sciences	6 semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses in literature, history (960:XXX), philosophy (650:XXX), sociology (980:XXX), religion (640:XXX), foreign language (7XX:XXX), art (600:XXX), music (5XX:XXX), or theatre (490:XXX).
Electives	Varied semester hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See specific program for requirements.

