

California State University, Northridge
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There are 250 Physical Therapy Programs in the US, and 15 of them are in California.
 Courses listed below must be completed with a "C" or higher.

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| REQUIRED COURSES | CSU Northridge | CSU Long Beach | Western | USC | West Coast | Mount St Marys | Azusa Pacific | Chapman | Loma Linda | Univ St Augustine | CSU Fresno | CSU Sacramento | Samuel Merritt | UCSF/SFSU | University of Pacific |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| LOCATION | LA | LA | LA | LA | LA | LA | LA | OC | IE | SD | FRESNO | SF BAY | SF BAY | SF BAY | SF BAY |
| General Chemistry 101/L, 102/L | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Physics 100A/L, 100B/L | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| General Biology 101/L or 106/L, 107/L | 101/L | 106/L & 107/L | None | 106/L & 107/L | Either | 106/L & 107/L | 106/L & 107/L | 106/L & 107/L | 106/L & 107/L | Either | Either | None | Yes | Either | Yes |
| Human Anatomy with Lab* 211/212 = 3 units 213/212 = 4 units | 211/212 suggest cadaver lab | Either | 213/212 | 213/212 | 213/212 | 213/212 | Either | Either | Either | Either | 213/212 | 4 units | 4 units | Either | 4 units |
| Human Physiology with Lab* | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Online Lab OK? | No info | No | No | No | No info | No info | No | No info | No info | No info | No | No info | Yes | No | No |
| Statistics Math 140 | Yes Psy 320/L or HSCI 390/L OK | Yes Psy 320/L OK | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| KIN 346/L (Exercise Science) | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | Yes AND one additional UD KIN course | | | Yes |
| Writing 113B, 114B, or 115 | | | Yes | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | |
| Public Speaking 151 | | | | | | Yes | Yes | | Yes | | | | | | |

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| Intro Psychology 150 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Or Lifespan | Yes | Yes | | |
| Lifespan(Developmental) Psychology 200** | Or Abnormal | | Or Abnormal | Or Abnormal | Yes | Or Abnormal | Or Abnormal | | Yes | Yes | Or Intro | | | | |
| Abnormal Psychology 310** | Or Lifespan | | Or Lifespan | Or Lifespan | | Or Lifespan | Or Lifespan | | | | Yes | | | Yes | Yes |
| Medical Terminology*** | | | | | Yes | | | | Yes | Yes | | | | | Yes |
| Additional Courses | | | | | | One UD Science Course | One Additional GE | | | Must take Ex Phys if taking Biol 101/L & One Add'l GE | | | | Micro 215/L OR One UD Science Course | |
| Minimum GPA (in degree or overall) to apply? | 3.0 overall & prereqs | 3.0 overall | 3.0 overall | 3.0 overall & science | 3.0 overall & prereqs | 3.0 overall & prereqs | 3.0 overall & science | 3.0 | 3.4 min | 3.0 prereqs | 3.0 overall & prereqs | 3.0 prereqs | 3.0 last 60 units & prereqs | 3.0 overall, last 60 units & prereqs | 3.0 Overall |
| Average Overall GPA admitted? | 3.71 | 3.75 | 3.44 | 3.55 | No info | 3.37 | 3.54 | 3.62 | 3.70 | 3.18 | 3.60 | 3.85 | 3.53 | 3.60 | 3.56 |
| Bachelor Degree required by: | No info | Fall of app year | Spring of matric year | Program start | Program start | Program start | Program start | No info | No info | Program Start | End of Spring | Program start | End of spring | No info | No info |
| Prereqs must be: | C or better | C or better | C or better | C or better | No info | C or better | C or better | C or better | C or better | C or better | C or better | C or better | C- or better | No info | C or better |
| Courses expire in: | No | 5 yrs A&P 10 yrs other | 7 yrs Science courses | No expiration | No info | 7 yrs Science courses | 7 yrs Science courses | 5 yrs A&P 10 yrs other | 10 yrs Science courses | 5 yrs | 7 yrs | 10 yrs | 10 yrs | No expiration | 10 yrs Science courses recommended |
| AP Courses Accepted? | Yes | No | For 1 prereq only | No | No info | No info | No | Yes | No info | No info | No | No info | No info | Phys, Chem, Stats only | No |
| Application Deadline? | Oct | Nov (Summer start) | Nov | Dec | Feb | Dec | Oct | Oct & Dec multiple start dates | Dec | Nov & Dec (multiple start dates) | Oct | Oct | Oct | Oct (Summer start) | Nov |
| GRE Required? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |

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| Can prereqs be in progress during application? | 2 courses IP after deadline OK | Yes | 1 science & 1 nonscience IP after 12/31 OK, all done by end of Spring | Yes | Yes | 4 courses can be IP at app time, all done by end of Spring or Summer (conflicting info on website) | Yes, all prereqs done by end of Fall | 2 science & 1 nonscience can be IP, all done by start of program | A&P done by time of app, max 3 science courses IP, done by start of program | Yes | 2 courses IP OK, all done at end of Fall | 4 courses max IP, 2 done by Fall, 2 done by Spring | Yes, all done by end of spring | No more than 2 courses IP, done by start of program | Yes, all done by start of program |
| Minimum Observations Hours Required | 200 hrs | 100 hrs | 100 hrs | 150 hrs | 40 hrs | 80 hrs 1 inpatient and 1 outpatient setting | 100 hrs | 40 hrs | 80 hrs 20 inpatient, 20 outpatient required | 80 hrs | 100 hrs, 20 must be inpatient | 100 hrs, 25 inpatient, 25 outpatient | 40 hrs | 100 hrs | 50 hrs, 25 hours inpatient |

***: Anatomy and Physiology Courses:** There are two choices:

Upper Division, Combined A&P: Biol 382/L and 383/L

Lower Division, Separate A&P Courses: Biol 213/212 (Anatomy & Lab) and Biol 281/282 (Physiology & Lab)

**** LifeSpan & Abnormal Psychology Requirement:** Psy 200 is not regularly taught at CSUN. Psy 310 at CSUN requires Psy 150 & Psy 250 be taken first. Here are equivalent course numbers at local community colleges:

LifeSpan Psych:

- Psy 041 at ELAC, LAMC, LAVC and LAPC
- Psy 024 at PCC
- Psy 172 at COC
- Psy M07 at Moorpark

Abnormal Psych:

- Psy 014 at ELAC< LAMC, LAVC and LAPC
- Psy 003 at PCC
- Psy 115 at GCC
- Psy 240 at COC
- Psy M08 at Moorpark

*****: Medical Terminology Requirement:** CSUN does not offer Medical Terminology. Here are some local schools that offer medical terminology. Check with prospective PT schools to confirm the course you choose is acceptable:

- Moorpark, NS M19
- LA Pierce: VOC ED 377CE (non-credit course, ask schools if acceptable)
- LA Valley: BIOL 33
- LA Mission: BIOL 33 or HLTH OCC 063
- Glendale Community College: MOA 181 or MOA 182
- Pasadena City College: MA 115
- Ed2go: Online Medical Terminology: (ask schools if online course is acceptable) ~\$250
- UNE ONLINE: MEDT 1000 (ask schools if online course is acceptable) ~\$1000
- West Valley Occupational Center: HIT/1
- Des Moines University: Online Medical Terminology Course ~\$100