

You will need your own personal copies of your transcripts (these can be unofficial) to complete this required form. Official transcripts sent directly to Arcadia for an application are not permitted to be shared with an applicant.



Arcadia Hybrid DPT Prerequisite Form

Prerequisite Requirements:

The following minimum prerequisite courses with grades of “C” or better, and a cumulative prerequisite GPA in these course areas of no less than “B” (3.0) is expected. A grade of “C–” is not acceptable for the prerequisite courses. Courses used toward the prerequisite biological and physical science requirements should be taken through the appropriate science departments (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics). Three of the eleven prerequisite courses, including Physiology and Statistics, must have been taken within 10 years prior to application. You can receive an admissions decision with no more than 4 of these classes outstanding or in progress prior to March 1st. After March 1st, you may only have 2 or fewer prerequisites outstanding or in progress (with proof of registration submitted) in order to receive an admission decision. If admitted, all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to July 15.

Instructions for using this form:

This form is a tool that our admissions team requires from prospective students in order to assist with specific prerequisite course questions. In conjunction with this form, you must refer to the Prerequisites Requirements page on our website, which provides additional specific requirements for each prerequisite course. Please download and fill out the following pages to the best of your ability and upload it to the “Academic Background” section of the application.

Include any graduate or doctoral-level courses if applicable, as they can potentially satisfy a prerequisite course requirement in some cases. Put an asterisk next to any course name for which you are unsure whether it meets our requirements, including previously taken and/or planned prerequisite courses. You may leave any sections blank for which you are missing classes or are unsure altogether. If a course requires further review, you must provide syllabi for the course(s), including previously taken and/or planned prerequisite courses. You may upload the syllabi to your application under the “Academic Background” section of the application.

Please note that you must provide proof of registration or a formal plan for completion for all outstanding courses before your application can be completed for review.

All science courses should be taken in the appropriate department (i.e. biology, chemistry, physics) and should say in the course description that they are the level meant for/geared towards science majors.

1. Human Anatomy (or Anatomy & Physiology I) - A gross human or mammalian anatomy course with a lab that provides students with a detailed examination of all structural aspects of the human body. The 2-course sequence of A&P 1 and 2 (see below for Physiology requirement) with a lab is also acceptable. *(Ex. Either one semester of Anatomy plus one semester of Physiology OR one semester of Anatomy & Physiology I plus one semester of Anatomy & Physiology II).*

The course should cover all aspects of the human body including: Integumentary, bone, muscle, nervous, digestive, respiratory, circulatory, immune, reproductive and endocrine systems.

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2. Physiology* (or Anatomy & Physiology II) - A full systems physiology course with a lab is required. The 2-course sequence of A&P 1 and 2 with a lab is also acceptable. *(Ex. Either one semester of Anatomy plus one semester of Physiology OR one semester of Anatomy & Physiology I plus one semester of Anatomy & Physiology II).* *Please keep in mind that **Physiology** needs to have been taken within the last 10 years. Coursework older than 10 years is not accepted.

Topics covered include: Homeostasis, cell structure and function, cardiac, muscle, nervous, circulatory, respiratory, renal, and endocrine physiology. Other acceptable courses include: A&P Vertebrae, A&P Animal, A&P Human, A&P Mammalian

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3. Biology - At least one (4-credit hour) lab/lecture course is required. Any biology course with a lab and the biology prefix will fulfill this requirement. The lecture should be at least 3 credits and the lab should be at least 1 credit, for a minimum of 4 credits needed to satisfy this requirement.

Acceptable courses include but are not limited to: General Biology, Biology, Biology 1, Biology 2, Human Biology

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4. Upper Level Biology - At least one upper-level course (300- to 400- level) of at least 3 credits with a biology focus is required. This course should preferably be taken through a biology department, but can be taken through another department, such as exercise science or kinesiology as long as the course content is primarily biology-based. A lab is not required for this course.

Acceptable courses include but are not limited to: Neuroscience, Motor Control/Learning, Biology of Aging, Histology, Cell Biology, Upper-level Kinesiology, Upper-level Exercise Physiology, Pharmacology or Pathophysiology.

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5. Chemistry I - 4-credit hours with lab/lecture. The course must be taken through a respective science department and geared towards science majors.

Topics covered should include: Classification of Matter, Metric System, Periodic Relationships, Atomic Theory, Kinetic Molecular Theory, Gas Laws, Chemical Bonding, Electron Configurations, Solution Chemistry, Kinetics

Keywords in the course description that may deem the course as not acceptable: *"Elements of, survey course, for non-science majors"*

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Copy & paste course description for Chemistry I Lecture & Lab (required):

6. Chemistry II or higher (e.g, Biochemistry, Organic) with a lab - 4-credit hours with lab/lecture. The course must be taken through a respective science department and geared towards.

Topics covered include: Classification of Matter, Metric System, Periodic Relationships, Atomic Theory, Kinetic Molecular Theory, Gas Laws, Chemical Bonding, Electron Configurations, Solution Chemistry, Kinetics

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Course Description for Chemistry II Lecture & Lab (required):

7. General Physics I with a lab - 4-credit hour course with lab/lecture. The course does not need to be calculus-based. General Physics I has to be taken through the respective science department and geared towards science majors. Please be advised, Biomechanics will not be acceptable for replacing any of the Physics coursework requirements.

Keywords & topics within the course description that are acceptable: Motion, Force, Momentum, Energy, Mechanics, Material Properties, Thermodynamics, Waves, Sound, Electric and Magnetic Fields, Conductors and Insulators, Currents, basic circuits, and induction, Electromagnetic waves, geared towards science majors

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Course Description for General Physics I Lecture & Lab (required):

8. General Physics II with a lab - 4-credit hour course with lab/lecture. The course does not need to be calculus-based. General Physics II has to be taken through the respective science department and geared towards science majors. Please be advised, Biomechanics will not be acceptable for replacing any of the Physics coursework requirements.

Keywords & topics within the course description that are acceptable: Motion, Force, Momentum, Energy, Mechanics, Material Properties, Thermodynamics, Waves, Sound, Electric and Magnetic Fields, Conductors and Insulators, Currents, basic circuits, and induction, Electromagnetic waves, geared towards science majors

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Course Description for General Physics II Lecture & Lab (required):

9. Psychology - At least one (3-credit hour) course in Psychology is required. This course should have a PSYC prefix.

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10. Psychology or Sociology or Anthropology - One additional (3-credit hour) course in Behavioral Science is required. This can be satisfied by a second Psychology course or by a Sociology or Anthropology course. The courses should have either an SOC, ANTH, or PSYCH prefix, respectively.

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11. Statistics - At least one (3-credit hour) Statistics course is required. May be taken through Math, Business, or Psychology departments. *Please keep in mind that this class needs to have been taken within the last 10 years. Coursework older than 10 years is not accepted.

Topics covered should include: Probability, Variables/distribution, Intervals, Regression

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Commonly Asked Questions

What are the requirements to enter the Physical Therapy program?

Please see our [full list of requirements](#) for details.

How can I have my prerequisite coursework reviewed to determine if I have met the requirements?

If you have questions about specific courses and/or need assistance ensuring you have completed all of the prerequisite requirements, you must follow the steps below as soon as possible so that we can provide you with feedback.

- 1) Open your DPT application (<https://apply.onlinehealth.arcadia.edu/login>)
- 2) Have all official transcripts sent electronically to ptappsvcs@onlinehealth.arcadia.edu
- 3) Complete the Prerequisite Form in the "Academic Background" section of the application portal and upload it to the application

Does it matter when prerequisite courses were taken? For example, do you accept courses taken over 10 years ago?

There are three courses that are required to be taken within 10 years from the time of application (example- 2026-2027 application cycle would require class completion of 2016). Of the three, physiology and statistics are two of them.

Does it matter if I take my prerequisite courses at a two-year college instead of a four-year university?

Prerequisite coursework is required to be completed from a regionally accredited institution, whether that be a two year or four year college or university. Please note that Upper Level Biology coursework must be completed at the 300 level or above. This level of coursework can only be completed at a four year institution.

Can prerequisite coursework be completed entirely online or from an online institution?

Yes. Prerequisite coursework can be completed from an online institution that is regionally accredited. We also accept online labs for the science prerequisites. Applicants must carefully review the online institution's coursework that meets the prerequisites requirements stated in Arcadia's prerequisite guidelines.

Courses completed through online education companies such as straighterline, portage learning, or study.com **will not be accepted**. Online education companies are not considered regionally accredited institutions, as students are unable to receive an official transcript from these companies.

My institution offers a combined 2 sequence series of Anatomy and Physiology instead of separate Human Anatomy and Human Physiology, is that okay?

Yes, The 2-course sequence of A&P 1 and 2 with a lab is acceptable.

Do you accept CLEP or AP courses for prerequisites?

Arcadia will accept AP and CLEP coursework that has been received as transfer credit on a degree bearing transcript. This will need to appear on your transcript as the course it is being used to fulfill and will not be calculated in your content GPA.

What if I attended an institution where college credit is awarded in quarter hours?

Applicants must complete all courses in sequence as outlined by our prerequisite guideline (3 quarters of physics, 3 quarters of chemistry, etc.)

I've reviewed all admission prerequisites and requirements but don't quite meet all of them. What are my options?

All 11 prerequisite courses are required to be completed for this program. If you have not completed one or more classes, you will be required to complete the outstanding prerequisites. You can complete any missing or outstanding coursework online or in-person through any regionally accredited college or institution; i.e., a local community college or 4-year University. You can receive an admissions decision with no more than 4 of these classes outstanding or in progress prior to March 1st. After March 1st, you may only have 2 or fewer prerequisites outstanding or in progress (with proof of registration submitted) in order to receive an admission decision. If admitted, all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to August 1.

Do you accept Introductory level coursework for the Physical Science prerequisite requirements? I.e., Introduction to Chemistry, Introduction to Physics, Fundamentals of Chemistry/Physics

All prerequisite coursework must be completed through a regionally accredited institution. Courses used toward the prerequisite biological and physical science requirements should be taken through the appropriate science departments (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics) and should be directed towards Science Majors.

How many prerequisites can I have outstanding or in-progress at the time I submit my application?

Applicants can receive an admissions decision with no more than 4 of the required prerequisite courses outstanding or in progress at the time they submit their application before March 1st, of the year of their preferred start date.

Applicants who submit their applications after March 1st, of the year of their preferred start date, may only have 2 or fewer prerequisites outstanding or in progress (with proof of registration submitted) in order to receive an admittance decision.

Any outstanding or in-progress coursework must be completed before the start of classes, with grades received via an updated official transcripts no later than July 15th in the year you intend to begin.

Is there a minimum grade requirement for prerequisite courses?

All prerequisite courses must be completed with grades of “C” or better and a cumulative GPA in these course areas of no less than “B” (3.0).

What courses would meet the Upper Level Biology requirement?

At least one upper-level course (300 to 400 level) of at least 3 credits with a biology focus is required. This course should be taken through a biology department, but can be taken through another department, such as exercise science or kinesiology, as long as the course content is primarily biology-based.

Acceptable courses include but are not limited to: Microbiology, Pathophysiology, Cell Biology, Embryology, Molecular Biology, Zoology, Biology of Aging, Memory & Cognition, Principles of Motor Control/Learning, Histology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Virology, Upper-level Exercise Physiology.