

NIU-Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy Emphasis

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health-related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education courses and a science-based curriculum. Students in the major have the choice of two emphases: pre-physical therapy and rehabilitation services.

The Pre-Physical Therapy Emphasis in the Health Sciences major provides the educational foundation needed to pursue graduate degrees in a variety of health-related fields, as well as function in a variety of entry-level health care jobs. Admission to the professional program in Physical Therapy, leading to the D.P.T. (Doctor of Physical Therapy), is competitive and requires completion of a Bachelor's degree.

The Pre-Physical Therapy Emphasis curriculum includes course work that meets the university's core competency and general education requirements and the admission requirements of the professional program. Students take a variety of courses, including classes in: Science, Math, Rehabilitation Services, and Public Health.

Freshmen and Sophomores are advised through the College of Health and Human Sciences advising office (815) 753-1891. Juniors and Seniors are advised by Physical Therapy faculty (815) 753-1383.

The Physical Therapy Program is located in the School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. NIU's Physical Therapy Program has been fully accredited since its inception in 1980 as a Bachelor's program. The program offers courses at the undergraduate and graduate level including the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-D.P.T.) program and the D.P.T. program.

To practice as a Physical Therapist, an individual must be licensed by the state in which he or she wishes to practice. Requirements for licensure include successful completion of an accredited program in physical therapy and meeting all licensing requirements of the state.

For more information see the NIU website at http://www.chhs.niu.edu/physical_therapy/

For further information, please contact the department adviser:

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STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINAL COURSE ARTICULATION.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Associate in Science Degree
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The following is a list of courses that satisfy the **Associate in Science Degree** requirements at Sauk Valley Community College as well as the requirements for the Health Sciences Program at Northern Illinois University. Students transferring without the AS Degree may need to complete different general education courses.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM – 40 CREDITS

COMMUNICATIONS **9 CREDITS**
 #ENG 101, #ENG 103, SPE 131

MATHEMATICS **3 CREDITS**
 MAT 240

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS **9 CREDITS**

Select at least one course from *Humanities* and one course from *Fine Arts*.
 Only one course with the same letter subscript can be used for Humanities/Fine Arts credit.
 Interdisciplinary courses (HUM prefix) may be used for either category.

Humanities

LAN 262; ENG 160, 201, 203, 204, 212, 215_B, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230_B;
 PHL 101, 102, 103; PHL 104; HUM 150, 210, 211

Fine Arts

ART 118, 119, 120, 121_D, 122_D; MUS 150, MUS 201; SPE 141;
 HUM 112, 150, 210, 211

Courses italicized are not currently being offered.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES **9 CREDITS**

PSY 103, PSY 200, select one more course from the following:

Anthropology

SOC 115, 116

Economics

ECO 211, 212

History

HIS 131, 132, 221, 222, 255, 265

Human Geography

GEO 122

Political Science

GOV 163, 164, 232, 233, 261

Sociology

SOC 111, 112, 251

LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES **10 CREDITS**
 BIO 105; CHE 105

SVCC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – 4 CREDITS

ORIENTATION **1 CREDIT**
 FYE 101 (or PSY 100 if already completed)

PERSONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT **3 CREDITS**
 BIO 120

MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS – 21 CREDITS

MAT 122 or MAT 203, BIO 123, BIO 131, CHE 106, NRS 116

65 TOTAL CREDITS

A grade of C or better required.

Special Note: BIO 109 and BIO 110, PHY 201, PHY 202 are required courses for the program, however, it is recommended these courses be taken after transfer at NIU.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE BACKSIDE!