

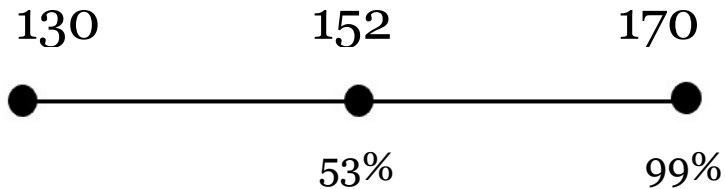
Pre-Physical Therapy

Competitive GPA: 3.5+

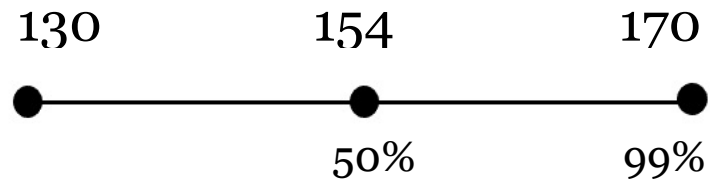
- BCP, Cumulative GPA - all attempts
- Avg accepted: 3.25/3.54

Competitive GRE: 50% on each section

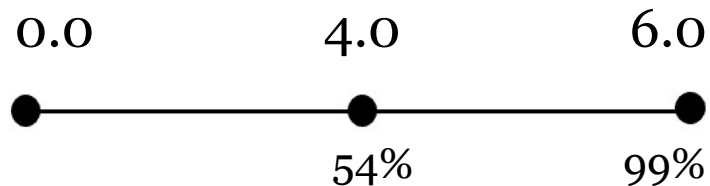
• Verbal Reasoning



• Quantitative Reasoning



• Analytical Writing avg: 4.0



Total test time: 3 hours, 45 mins

Preparing for the [GRE](#)

- Plan for **1-3 months** and **200-400 hours** of study
- Create a study schedule
- Content review + question practice
 - 5-10 full length tests

[Free resources:](#)

- 2 free practice tests
- Math review

\$ exam prep:

[ETS materials:](#)

- [Powerprep Plus](#), [Official Guide to GRE book](#), practice questions, [ScoreItNow](#)

[Kaplan](#), [Magoosh](#), [Manhattan Prep](#), [Princeton Review](#)

GRE requirements can vary by program. It's important to check with the programs you plan to apply to.

- [Physical Therapy Career](#)
- [Physical Therapy school directory](#)
- [Physical Therapy prerequisite and shadowing requirements](#)
- [PTCAS](#): Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service

Applying to PT school is expensive...

Apply for the Fee Assistance Program through [PTCAS](#) or the [GRE](#)

Item	Cost
Test registration	\$205
Test prep	\$100-1,500+
Application (1 school)	\$155
Additional schools	\$60
Secondary applications	\$50-100
Interview costs	\$100-1000+
Total cost	\$1,000-10,000+

Experiences

- Shadowing Experience
 - Schools typically have shadowing hour requirements, anywhere from 50-200 hours completed at the time you apply
 - [Physical Therapy shadowing requirements by school](#)
 - Some schools will want a letter of recommendation from the PT you shadow with verifying hours or might want the PT to sign a form verifying your shadowing hours (*forms found on individual school websites*)
- Clinical/healthcare experience
- Community service
- Research
- Leadership and teamwork
- Extra-curricular involvement
- Strong communication skills



A well-rounded application shows...

- Ability to communicate effectively on the application and in an interview
- Background, strengths, and what makes you unique
- Passion and fit for the dental profession
- Ability to do the academic work

Timeline

January-August: Take GRE

June: Application opens.

August: Begin submitting applications

Verification: 4-6 weeks after submission

After application is verified, it is released to schools. Some schools will have secondary or supplemental applications. [Application deadlines can vary by program.](#)

Fall/Spring: Schools review, select candidates to interview, and release decisions

July/August: PT school begins

- The earliest you can apply for PT school is the summer after junior year. Many applicants choose to take a gap year(s) and will delay applying until the summer after senior year or even the year after graduation.

Parts of the Application

- Biographical information
 - Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
 - 2-4 required
- Personal Statement (Essay)
 - Experiences (Resume)
 - School Selection