PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY
Pre-Baccalaureate Program Guide

GENERAL EDUCATION (IAI GECC, 31-32 credits)
The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) requires 12 to 13 courses. Courses selected to meet IAI GECC requirements may also meet course requirements for a specific major. Degree requirements have been revised for new students for the fall 2016 term. The degree requirements as listed do not complete IAI GECC core requirements. An additional 3 credits of approved Humanities or Fine Arts and 3 credits of Social Sciences are needed to complete the core. These additional courses may be taken as electives or upon transfer to the four year institution.

IAI Communications: (3 courses)
_______ENG 101 or ENG 113 (C grade or higher)
_______ENG 102 (C grade or higher)
_______SPE 115 Speech

IAI Humanities and Fine Arts (2 courses)
At least one course must be an IAI Fine Arts elective and one course must be an IAI Humanities elective.

_______Fine Arts Elective
_______PHL 111 (3)

IAI Fine Arts Electives:
Art .................. ART 111, 220, 221, 291
Literature ..............LIT 275
Music .................. MUS 105, 225
Theater .................THE 113

IAI Humanities Electives:
Foreign Language.........FRE 202, GER 202, SPN 202
History .....................HIS 101, 102, 213
Literature .......LIT 211, 212, 231, 232, 235, 264, 280, 281, 284, 295
Philosophy ........PHL 111, 121, 131, 200, 260

IAI Mathematics (1 course)
_______MAT 282 (3)

IAI Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses)
At least two different disciplines (course prefixes) must be represented.

_______PSY 132 (3)
_______SOC 133 (3)

IAI Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives:
Anthropology ...........ANT 111, 202, 216, 240
Economics ............ECO 201, 202
Geography ............GEO 112
History .................HIS 103, 104, 201, 202
Political Science ....PSC 131, 211, 212, 213, 289
Psychology ..........PSY 132, 200, 203, 262
Sociology ..............SOC 133, 215, 263, 264

IAI Physical/Life Sciences (2 courses)
One course must include a lab component.

_______BIO 101 (4)
_______PHY 155 (5)

Additional Associate in Science Degree requirements
(Courses should be applicable to desired major)

BIO 102 (4)
MAT 131 (5)

MAJOR AND GENERAL ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS
(IAI GECC and major/elective credits must total a minimum of 62 hours for the degree. Students should select elective hours that will allow them to complete this 62 hour requirement.) Pre-requisite courses may be required before taking these electives. Consult with the Course Catalog and your advisor.

Major Specific General Electives for B.S. degree.

_______CHM 151 (5) or CHM 141 (4)
_______CHM 152 (5) or CHM 142 (4)
_______BIO 105 or BIO 205 (4)
_______MAT 108 (4)
_______MAT 109 (3)
_______PHY 156 (5)
_______HIT 217 (3)
_______PSY 270 (3)

ARTICULATION NOTES:
Consult with the transfer institution to assess if certain courses require a grade of “C” or higher, or if there is a minimum grade point average for admission to your declared major. Please select courses on this guide in accordance with the Articulation Notes for your transfer institution.

SIUC TRANSFER INFORMATION: Physical Therapy is not a major at SIUC. Students must satisfy certain course requirements and choose a major in which to earn a baccalaureate degree. Physical Therapy Programs are offered on the doctoral level. Typical undergraduate majors include Biological Sciences/Biomed Track, Physiology, Psychology, Therapeutic Recreation, Kinesiology (Exercise Science).

--BIO 101 and 102, CHM 151 and 152 or 141 and 142. Take PHL 111. Take MAT 108, 109 and 282. MAT 131 (required at UIC and Northwestern). Take PHY 155 and 156. Take BIO 105 or 205. Take PSY 132 and 270 and SOC 133.

--Recommendations include HIT 217 (required by University of Evansville and Northwestern).

--Current certification in first aid and CPR are required by some schools.

Physical Therapy experiences (40 to 100 hours) of observing, volunteering or working are required to be completed at the time of application. These experiences must be documented by physical therapists licensed in the US. It is recommended that experiences represent different specialties. Opportunities exist in hospitals, nursing homes, Easter Seals, United Cerebral Palsy, March of Dimes, Visiting Nurses Association, health maintenance organizations or standalone physical therapy clinics.