FVCC’s Pre-Physical Therapy Associate of Science degree prepares graduates to transfer to the University of Montana and other four-year institutions with junior status in a variety of health-related and science majors. Becoming a licensed physical therapist requires earning a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.
Physical therapists utilize various rehabilitative techniques to help patients whose abilities have been impaired by an accident, injury, illness, disease or other health-related conditions that limit movement and functional abilities. Physical therapists work in a variety of settings, including acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient facilities, school systems, nursing homes, home health and sports medicine clinics. They interact with other health care providers, including occupational therapists and assistants, nurses, speech pathologists and physicians.

**Opportunities**
- Physical therapy has evolved into a doctorate degree program. Students planning to apply to the professional physical therapy program at the University of Montana may select any major for their undergraduate degree as long as they have the successfully completed the prerequisite courses.

**Attributes of a Successful Pre-Physical Therapist**
- Strong math and science skills
- Ability to maintain high academic and professional standards under rigorous demands
- Ability to think critically and solve problems
- Strong communication, listening and interpersonal skills
- Physically fit and strong

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