



Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)

Three Year Full Time Program

The Physical Therapy program is a three-year program, offering a BS in Health Sciences and a DPT in Physical Therapy. The program includes 42 credits at the undergraduate level and 90.5 credits at the graduate level.

Physical therapists work to diagnose and manage movement dysfunction; restore, maintain and promote optimal physical function, promote wellness and fitness and prevent the onset and progression of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities due to various diseases, injuries, conditions or disorders.

The mission of the PT program is to prepare students in providing quality PT services to a culturally diverse population, emphasizing the needs of the individual within the current health care environment. Students are guided to become critical thinkers and decision makers committed to lifelong learning, who integrate evidence-based practice and current clinical practice guidelines within the moral and ethical standards set forth by the APTA.

The program prepares graduates to assume the roles of PT clinician, educator, consultant, health care advocate, community leader, researcher, and administrator.



Before You Apply

- Review the website to learn more about our summer start program: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/sohp/pt/before.html
- Sign up to attend an *Information Session* (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation)
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program
- For additional information, please visit the website

Steps to Apply

STEP 1

Download and Read the Application Instructions

STEP 2

Check the Deadline

sls.downstate.edu/admissions/deadlines.html

STEP 3

Prepare Your Documentation

You will be required to upload documents related to your application

STEP 4

Submit Your Application

All sections of your application must be filled out in order to submit. Each section will be marked as complete with a green check mark. If all sections are complete, the "Submission" section will be available to complete.

STEP 5

Check Your Status

Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status

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Admissions Requirements

Admissions requirements are subject to change

Refer to the website for the most current information (<http://sls.downstate.edu/admissions/sohp/pt/index.html>)

The following criteria represent the minimum requirements for application to the Physical Therapy program:

- A minimum of 80 semester credits from a college/university accredited by a Regional Accrediting Organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
Visit our website or visit www.chea.org for more information
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Graduate Records Examination (GRE) score report (Institutional code 2534)
- A minimum of 50 hours of clinical experience in a Physical Therapy setting
- Two (2) letters of recommendation — one from a college science professor and one from a physical therapist
- A grade of “C” or better in the following prerequisite courses:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Total Semester Credits</u>
Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab <u>or</u> Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab*	4
Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab** <u>or</u> General Biology 1 with lab <u>or</u> General Biology 2 with lab	4
General Chemistry 1 with lab <u>and</u> General Chemistry 2 with lab	8
General Physics 1 with lab <u>and</u> General Physics 2 with lab	8
General Psychology	3
Psychology Elective	3
Statistics	3
English	3
Three (3) Upper Division (Junior/Senior) courses***	9

* All applicants must complete at least one (1) semester of Anatomy & Physiology

** The same Anatomy & Physiology course can only be counted once

*** These courses must all be from the same are of study or the same discipline; e.g. Nine (9) upper-division credits from the Biology or History department...

- All required sciences **must be designated for science majors**. The science courses **must be less than 10 years old for all applicants**; sciences that are **older than 10 years old** will not be considered.
- Online courses are accepted for prerequisites, but the Physical Therapy program prefers a college laboratory setting (wet lab) for science courses that require labs.
- Minimum grade of “B” preferred in all science prerequisite courses. Only science courses designed for **science majors are acceptable**.

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