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• Two courses of psychology
• One course in statistics

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- Sarah Veltre, DPT student

CURRICULUM AND COURSEWORK

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PROGRAM OPTIONS

There are two options for pursuing an SRU doctor of physical therapy degree:

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• 3 undergraduate years + 3 graduate years (for SRU undergraduates only)

LICENSURE

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