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| Program Name | American International College |
| General Description / Special Programs | |
| Established | 1996 |
| Country | United States |
| State | MA |
| City | Springfield |
| Address Line 1 | Graduate Admissions Office |
| Address Line 2 | 1000 State Street |
| Address Line 3 | |
| Zip | 01109 |
| Fax | |
| Phone1 | 413-205-3700 |
| Phone2 | |
| Email1 | graduate.admissions@aic.edu |
| Email2 | |
| Email3 | |
| Website | https://www.aic.edu/school-of-health-sciences/program/physical-therapy/ |

Program Information

This page is intended for graduate students ONLY. High school students and transfer students MUST contact American International College directly for information regarding the application process. Do not apply using PTCAS.

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| Program Description | <p>The Division of Physical Therapy at American International College is dedicated to providing you with the academic and foundational knowledge and skills for a professional career as a physical therapist. With a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree from AIC, you will learn to deliver diverse patient care, provide services that restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disability. You will also learn to plan and modify treatment and instruction, make use of physical measures, activities, and devices for prevention and therapeutic purposes, as well as provide consultative, educational, and advisory services.</p> <p>Our program educates graduates to practice autonomously, effectively, and with integrity in a multifaceted and culturally diverse healthcare environment. In concert with the mission of the college, the program in physical therapy facilitates a dynamic educational environment through interactive and collaborative learning experiences. Students graduate with the cognitive, psychomotor, and professional skills that enable them to assume the diverse role of healthcare practitioner, including clinician, advocate, manager, teacher, learner, researcher, and leader. In addition, the program facilitates the development of compassionate practitioners through service to the academic and local communities.</p> |
| Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway? | Yes |
| Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle? | No |
| Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process? | No |
| Additional information about interviews | Students visiting AIC may request an interview with their graduate admissions counselor or a member of the PT faculty. Interviews are not required and do not impact the application process. |

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| Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants? | Yes |
| Total cumulative deposit | \$500 |
| Additional Information about Deposit | The deposit is non-refundable. |
| Deposit Refundable? | No |
| Due Date of First Required Deposit | 02/28/2023 |
| Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class | 44 |
| Size of Most Recent Entering Class | 21 |
| % of IN-STATE applicants accepted | 48% |
| % of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) applicants accepted | 9.5% |
| % of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted | 43% |
| % of CANADIAN applicants accepted | 0% |
| % of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted | 0% |
| % Male | 52% |
| % Female | 48% |
| % Declining to State | 0% |
| % Hispanic | 0% |
| % American Indian/Alaskan Native | 4.7% |
| % Asian | 0% |
| % African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic) | 4.7% |
| % Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 0% |
| % White (Not of Hispanic Origin) | 85.7% |
| % Two or More Races | 0% |
| % Declining to State | 4.7% |
| Additional information about the class profile | Students who are currently enrolled in Westfield State University's Sport Medicine and Athletic Training programs may be eligible to participate in the joint articulation between Westfield State University and American International College. |

Admission Requirements

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| Supplemental FEE required? | No |
| Supplemental fee amount | \$0 |
| Supplemental APPLICATION required? | No |

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| Supplemental MATERIALS required? | No |
| Description of supplemental materials required | The pre-requisite worksheet is encouraged for all applicants to complete, but is currently not a requirement of the application process. Applicants seeking to complete this form are encouraged to contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 413-205-3700. |
| Document upload requirements | Additional documentation is not required; however, many students choose to submit a resume or additional personal statements. You can upload all additional documents in the "document upload" section of the PTCAS application. |
| Is GRE Required? | No |
| Physical Therapist-1 | Evaluator type accepted |
| Physical Therapist-2 | Evaluator type accepted |
| Professor in Major | Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category |
| Professor | Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category |
| Academic | Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category |
| Supervisor/Employer | Evaluator type accepted |
| Teaching Assistant | Evaluator type accepted |
| PTA | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Pre-PT Advisor | Evaluator type accepted |
| Politician | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Health Care Professional | Evaluator type accepted |
| Friend | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Family Member | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Co-worker | Evaluator type accepted |
| Clergy | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Other | Evaluator type accepted |
| Number of references required by program | 3 |
| Additional information about program's reference requirements | Recommendations: Letters of recommendation should come from professors under whom the candidate has studied or, when appropriate, from supervisors or colleagues with whom the candidate has worked. Please choose individuals who can provide an objective and frank appraisal of your capacity for graduate study and your potential for professional success. |
| Information about your PT requirements | AIC requires a minimum of two documented clinical observation experiences totaling twenty hours (ten at each location) as part of the graduate application. These observations serve as preparatory experience and are required to enroll in the DPT graduate program. Applicants are advised to participate in two different experiences at two different practice settings. Practice settings include outpatient, acute care inpatient, acute rehabilitation, skilled nursing facility, home health and school systems. Students who were unable to complete observation hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic are asked to contact Admissions for a waiver. |
| Program's PT hours requirement | PT hours are required - a licensed Physical Therapist (PT) must verify hours w/signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS |
| Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED | 20 |
| Paid | Accepted/Considered |
| Volunteer | Accepted/Considered |
| Inpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| Outpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative | 3.20 |
| AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative | 3.47 |

Admission Requirements

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| MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite | 3.20 |
| AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite | 3.42 |
| Additional information about program's GPA requirements | Program uses the highest grade in prerequisite GPA calculations, if course was repeated. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within the last five years in order to be eligible for consideration. The number of times that a course has been repeated and/or the number of courses repeated will be considered. |
| Program considers Canadian coursework? | No |
| Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework | Other |
| Additional information for the foreign transcripts | Transcripts from non-US countries must receive a course by course evaluation through a recognized evaluation service. We accept all evaluations from all active members associated with the NACES organization. |
| Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores? | Yes |
| Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens | U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Canadian citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees) |
| Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework | Non-native speakers of English who wish to pursue a graduate degree must submit evidence of proficiency in the English language. Results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) require a minimum overall score of 577 for the paper based test, 233 for the computer-based test, or 91 for the internet-based test. Test scores are valid for 2 years after the test date. TOEFL scores are not required if a prior college or university degree has been granted within the last three years from a regionally accredited institution within the United States or if the applicant can document that the language of instruction for undergraduate degree was English |

Course Prerequisites

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| Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program? | Yes |
| General Information | * Science courses should be designed for science majors or pre-professional students. * PASS/FAIL courses are NOT accepted. * All prerequisite courses must have been completed within five years of the term to which you are applying. Please list only courses we require. * ADDITIONAL NOTES - If accepted, you must complete both the required courses and the required number of semester credits before beginning the program. - You will need to submit final transcripts before the start of the program. Failure to complete this step may result in reversal of your acceptance. |
| Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department | Yes |
| Link to program's prerequisite instructions | https://www.aic.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-admissions-requirements/ |

Anatomy & Physiology I

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| Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: SEPARATE courses |

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: SEPARATE courses |

Biology I

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: General I |

Biology II

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

Exercise Physiology is accepted if the course has a lab component and with approval from the program director.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Biology: General II |

Chemistry I

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I |

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II |

Physics I

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| Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics I |

Physics II

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| Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics II |

Statistics

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| Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted | |
| Biological, Psychological or Educational statistics accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Applicable |
| Credits | SH: 3 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics |

Deadlines

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| PT program start date for entering class | 06/01/2023 |
| Multiple start dates? | No |
| PTCAS application deadline | May 1, 2023 |
| Deadline Type | Final Deadline |
| Program has rolling admissions process? | Other |
| Important dates | <p>The Preferred Application Deadline is December 1st. The Final Application Deadline is May 1st. Applicants applying to the DPT program should apply online using the PTCAS application beginning in July.</p> <p>In order to be considered, all applications must be completed and verified by PTCAS no later than the stated application deadline. Applications verified after the deadline date will not be considered.</p> |

Program Contacts

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