



Program Information

Program Name	George Washington University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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COVID-19 Related Admissions

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the George Washington University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (GW PT) program has revised some of its admissions criteria for the 2021-22 PTCAS admissions cycle. to reflect the current and unprecedented challenges our applicants are facing.

Please use this page to stay up-to-date on how the pandemic affects application requirements for the 2021-22 PTCAS admissions cycle.

<https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions>

Program Information

Program Description	<p>The George Washington University is a private institution, built upon a foundation of integrity, creativity, and openness to the exploration of new ideas. It is a dynamic, student-focused community stimulated by cultural and intellectual diversity. The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program is housed within the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and its mission is to prepare individuals to practice as highly skilled physical therapists who are able to practice in an evidence-based, and ethical manner, respectful of patients and clients from all backgrounds, across the lifespan, through the continuum of care, and at all levels of wellness and health. Graduates will be respected practitioners who are able to meet the multi-faceted role of a physical therapists with a commitment to service to the profession and the community and dedicated to life-long learning and scholarly inquiry.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at The George Washington University (GW) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS), is committed to educating well-qualified and compassionate practitioners who demonstrate expert clinical skills and contribute significantly to the lives of their clients, the profession, and the health care enterprise. Key to our mission is the education of physical therapists who are reflective practitioners, who think critically and use best evidence to effectively solve problems, and who demonstrate respect for individual and cultural differences as well as the core values of the profession.</p> <p>The curriculum consists of 109 credits of professional course work requiring thirty-three months of full-time study beginning in the fall semester. It combines content from the foundational sciences, behavioral sciences, clinical sciences, professional practice expectations, practice management expectations, and critical inquiry. Students develop the skills needed to examine, evaluate, diagnose, prognose, develop a plan of care and implement and re-evaluate that plan of care for patients with dysfunction in the cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, neuromotor and integumentary systems across the lifespan.</p> <p>The curriculum is built on the overarching principles of integration and application. Information is integrated and applied through a series of integrative units using "standardized patients" and Simulation Experiences. Clinical experiences are introduced early in the curriculum in the second and fourth semesters. Three full-time clinical internships occur in semesters six, seven, and eight for a total of 34 weeks of full time clinical experience. Internships are located regionally, nationally, and internationally providing depth and breadth to each student's unique educational experience. A comprehensive examination in the sixth semester validates the student's readiness for the full-time clinical internships, and helps the student begin to prepare for the national board examinations. In the past year, 100% of GW graduates who took the national licensure exam passed on the first attempt and 100% of the graduates seeking employment were employed.</p> <p>The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences is an exciting and vibrant community in which to live and learn. Students are involved in a variety of student centered organizations and participate in a multitude of volunteer experiences in and around the community. Access to the nation's capital is only one of many opportunities available to students who choose to attend GW. The University is within minutes of the headquarters of our national organization, The American Physical Therapy Association. Washington is an ideal location for sightseeing and cultural activities. The White House, the Kennedy Center and national monuments are all within walking distance of campus.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
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?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Interviews will be held in a virtual format during the 2021-2022 PTCAS admissions cycle. Interviews are required for admission and are scheduled on a rolling basis throughout the fall and early spring. Applicants selected for an interview will receive an email invitation. There will be many opportunities to learn about our program and for us to learn about you as well.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$575
Additional Information about Deposit	The non-refundable \$575.00 deposit is applied to tuition in the first semester of the program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/17/2022
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$117100

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Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$117100
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	45
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	47
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	100%
% Male	40%
% Female	60%
% Hispanic	15%
% Asian	11%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	64%
% Two or More Races	4%
% Declining to State	4%
Additional information about the class profile	Our program's class profile represents a diverse range of undergraduate majors in the fields of exercise science and kinesiology, business, health sciences, biological sciences, athletic training, social sciences, and the movement sciences.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$60
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	a) As a first step, create the Standard online PTCAS application. IMPORTANT: You must create your PTCAS application first, as the Supplemental GW online application requires that you enter your unique PTCAS ID number (this is noted as the CAS ID under your Supplemental GW online application). b) As a second step, complete the Supplemental GW online application, found at: https://gw.force.com . You will need to create a new account to proceed with the the Supplemental GW online application. Admissions review typically begins in early fall and completed applications are reviewed as they are received using a modified rolling admissions format (application admission decisions are made on a rolling basis through the spring or April).
Document upload requirements	*Optional Resume or Curriculum Vitae In the "Other" document area, you may upload a resume or curriculum vitae outlining your work and volunteer experience; educational, leadership and professional organization activities; scholarly activities (publications, presentations, and research); and any other substantial accomplishments including honors and awards. *Optional Catalog Course Descriptions In the "Catalog Course Descriptions" document area, you may upload course catalog information, including course descriptions and links, for any specific prerequisite courses that you would like to clarify (i.e., English/Writing courses taken outside of an English department that may be classified as "Writing in the Discipline" under your institution's course catalog).
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	12/01/2021
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://gw.force.com
Is GRE Required?	Yes
University GRE code	5246
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	11/30/2021

Admission Requirements	
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	11/30/2016
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	If the GRE test is taken more than once, test scores are not averaged. The highest score for each section of the GRE, from any one testing date, is considered. Please enter self-reported scores on your PTCAS application AND submit official GRE test scores to the George Washington University electronically via ETS University code 5246 by the application deadline. The ETS University GRE code submits your scores directly to the George Washington University. PTCAS does not track receipt of official GRE scores on behalf of GW, so you will need to track your score receipt under your GW Online Supplemental Application. Once you submit your supplemental GW Online Supplemental Application, please wait 4-5 business days for the system to reconcile your application record with the electronic GRE score report you submitted via ETS to GW institutional code 5246. Please see any COVID-19 related admissions updates as pertains to the GRE General Test on the following website: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	156
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	73
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	56
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	57
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type 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 accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	*The GW DPT Program requires two reference letters including one from a licensed physical therapist. Letters of recommendation from family members and friends WILL NOT be accepted. Letters of reference are only accepted electronically via PTCAS (please do not send letters of recommendation to the program). * Please see any COVID-19 related admissions updates as pertains to letters of reference on the following website: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions
Information about your PT requirements	PT observation hours in both inpatient and outpatient settings are recommended. Please see any COVID-19 related admissions updates as pertains to observation hours on the following website: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	70
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	06/01/2022

Admission Requirements	
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Science GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Science GPA	3.43
MINIMUM GPA Overall GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall GPA	3.61
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	*Please be sure to carefully review the following requirements: a) Applicants must achieve a grade of "C" or better in each course to satisfy prerequisite requirements. b) Original and repeat grades are included in both the overall and science GPA calculations. c) The minimum GPA acts as a guideline. Each application is evaluated based on its individual merit.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended)
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	<p>*Please be sure to carefully review the following requirements:</p> <p>a) Applicants may take the IELTS test in place of the TOEFL. Some exceptions may apply.</p> <p>b) See the link below for specific TOEFL guidelines: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements#requirements</p>

Course Prerequisites	
Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	The listed prerequisite courses must be academic, college-level course work completed at a regionally accredited institution and earned with a C or better (C- grades and lower do not apply). Additionally, all science courses must be for science/health science majors. *In keeping with our admissions requirements during past admissions cycles, prerequisite courses (including labs) taken online at any regionally accredited institution are acceptable. Therefore, online and distance learning courses and labs will be accepted in fulfillment of prerequisite coursework completed during any admissions cycle, including during the 2021-22 PTCAS admissions cycle. * Please see any COVID-19 related admissions updates as pertains to prerequisite courses on the following website: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/course-prerequisite

Anatomy & Physiology I

Any of the following courses will be accepted: 1 distinct course in Anatomy along with 1 distinct course in Physiology, or as part of 2-part course sequence (combined Anatomy & Physiology I and II). Lab is recommended, but not required. Human focus preferred.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II

Any of the following courses will be accepted: 1 distinct course in Anatomy along with 1 distinct course in Physiology, or as part of 2-part course sequence (combined Anatomy & Physiology I and II). Lab is recommended, but not required. Human focus preferred.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses. Exercise Physiology course can be used to fulfill only 1 of the Biology prerequisites.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Exercise Physiology • Biology: Advanced • Biology: Cell • Biology: Embryology • Biology: General • Biology: General I • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Molecular

Biology II

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses. Exercise Physiology course can be used to fulfill only 1 of the Biology prerequisites.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular

Chemistry I

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses (we will accept both courses where the lab and lecture is combined and courses where the lab is separate from the lecture). Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Biochemistry are acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Any• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses (we will accept both courses where the lab and lecture is combined and courses where the lab is separate from the lecture). Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Biochemistry are acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Any• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

English Composition / Writing

Any of the following courses will be accepted: English Composition, English Dept. courses, Literature, Technical Writing, and courses designated as "Writing intensive" or "Writing within the discipline" even if taken outside of an English Dept. (please upload a course description or syllabus for a "Writing intensive" course in the "Catalog Course Descriptions" section of your PTCAS application for review).

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comm: Communication• Comm: Public Speaking• English Composition• English Composition I• English Department Course• Literature• Technical Writing• Writing

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Any of the following courses will be accepted: English Composition, English Dept. courses, Literature, Technical Writing, and courses designated as "Writing intensive" or "Writing within the discipline" even if taken outside of an English Dept. (please upload a course description or syllabus for a "Writing intensive" course in the "Catalog Course Descriptions" section of your PTCAS application for review).

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comm: Communication• Comm: Public Speaking• English Composition• English Composition II• English Department Course• Literature• Technical Writing• Writing

Physics I

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses (we will accept both courses where the lab and lecture is combined and courses where the lab is separate from the lecture). Calculus-based Physics courses are acceptable, but not required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I• Physics: Any• Physics: General

Physics II

Applicants whose institution is on a quarter system must take a 3-part course sequence or 3 distinct courses (we will accept both courses where the lab and lecture is combined and courses where the lab is separate from the lecture). Calculus-based Physics courses are acceptable, but not required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II• Physics: Any• Physics: General

Psychology

Any psychology course taken within or outside of a Psychology department are acceptable. Can include an "Introduction to Psychology" course.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Advanced • Psychology: Any • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: General I • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports

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Course Level	General or College
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Advanced • Psychology: Any • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: General I • Psychology: General II • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports

Statistics

Can include a Statistics course taken within or outside of a Mathematics department. Will consider research/methodology courses that incorporate Statistics.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Business: Statistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines	
PT program start date for entering class	08/19/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	December 1, 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>Applicants must submit two applications by the application deadline: December 1, 2021 (11:59pm EST): The Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service, PTCAS and the GW DPT supplemental applications.</p> <p>All application materials (application, transcripts to date, GRE reported scores, recommendation letters and essay) must be received by PTCAS by the December 1, 2021 deadline. Official GRE scores must be reported via University GRE code 5246.</p> <p>PTCAS does not track receipt of official GRE scores on behalf of GW, so you will need to track your score receipt under your GW Online Supplemental Application. Once you submit your Supplemental GW online application, please wait 4-5 business days for the system to reconcile your application record with the electronic GRE score report you submitted via ETS to GW institutional code 5246.</p> <p>Please find below IMPORTANT instructions for completing the two required applications:</p> <p>* As a first step, complete the Standard online PTCAS application. IMPORTANT: You must create your PTCAS application first, as the Supplemental GW online application requires that you enter your unique PTCAS ID number (this is noted as the CAS ID under your Supplemental GW online application)</p> <p>* As a second step, complete the Supplemental GW online application, found at: https://gw.force.com. You will need to create a new account to proceed with the Supplemental GW online application.</p> <p>* Admissions review typically begins in early fall and completed applications are reviewed as they are received using a modified rolling admissions format (admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis through the spring or April).</p> <p>* Keep in mind that during peak application season, it may take several weeks before we receive your submitted application from PTCAS. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to have their applications submitted with ALL supporting documents as far in advance of the December 1, 2021 deadline date as possible.</p> <p>* Fall 2021 Grades: Any outstanding fall 2021 grades must be submitted to PTCAS for updates by January 2022</p> <p>* Interviews: Interviews will be held in a virtual format during the 2021-2022 PTCAS admissions cycle. Interviews are required for admission and are scheduled on a rolling basis throughout the fall and spring. Applicants selected for an interview will receive an email invitation. There will be many opportunities to learn about our program and for us to learn about you as well.</p> <p>* Information Sessions: Information sessions will be held virtually this year. To view information session dates and times and to register, please visit the following website: https://smhs.gwu.edu/pths/programs/physical-therapy/prospective. Please note spaces are limited, so sign up early.</p> <p>* In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the George Washington University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (GW PT) program has revised some of its admissions criteria for the 2021-22 PTCAS admissions cycle to reflect the unprecedented challenges our applicants are facing.</p> <p>Please use the following page to stay up-to-date on how the pandemic affects application requirements for the 2021-22 PTCAS admissions cycle: https://smhs.gwu.edu/physical-therapy/degree-program/prospective-students/admissions-and-entrance-requirements/covid-19-related-admissions</p>

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