



Program Information

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General Description / Special Programs	
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<p>Program Description</p>	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program offered by the School of Physical Therapy at Marshall University is a full-time, three-year, nine-semester graduate program for students who wish to pursue a career as a physical therapist practitioner. Our inaugural class matriculated on May 21, 2012.</p> <p>The curricular model of Marshall University's DPT program is a modified case-based model, designed in a "builds on, leads to" manner which is delivered in a full time, in-house format utilizing lecture, labs, small group discussion, case seminars, and clinical visits and internships, starting with education in the basic foundational sciences that inform the content of the field. Faculty teaching the foundational sciences facilitates discussion drawing on research, clinical experiences, and personal/professional activities to model professional behaviors, elucidates psychosocial and ethical issues, and presents a broad application of course content to practice settings. Through clinical cases intermingled within basic science didactic content, students are challenged to apply basic science information to solve clinical problems. Instruction in these basic science areas builds the foundation for the clinical coursework.</p> <p>Within any given semester, we utilize team-taught, integrated course classes to encourage synthesis of material presented. Case Application Seminars and Experiences (CASE) courses provide students the opportunity to learn collaboratively in faculty-facilitated small groups. Most semesters, students attend laboratory sessions in local physical therapy/rehab clinics for hands-on experiences interspersed within the didactic coursework.</p> <p>Early in the curriculum, students are introduced to the basic tools of investigation in PT (Evidence Based Practice course series). Starting with the clinical decision making process, they learn to utilize literature review and scientific method to support evidence based practice, and the process for utilizing and creating evidence to improve upon the body of knowledge that informs the profession. Basic clinical skills coursework forms the foundation for more advanced clinical courses in diagnosis and management.</p> <p>Faculty emphasizes utilization of current, evidence-based practices that are built on the foundational sciences and are consistent with published research and clinical outcomes in the diagnosis and management process. Knowledge of the professional aspects of practice is integral to successful hands-on practice, and necessary to become a competent practitioner. Therefore, a series of professional practice courses inculcate a working knowledge of communications, educational methodology and process, culture, ethics, law, health care delivery systems, administration, and the political aspects that influence the field of physical therapy.</p> <p>Clinical education exposure/experiences are integrated into the first two years of the curriculum through case-based courses and seminars, and through clinic visits to local physical therapy facilities spread within the didactic course work, with the first full time clinical rotation/internship (8 weeks) occurring early in the second year of the program. These rotations continue in the 3rd year with two full-time clinical internships, for 27 weeks in the last two semesters of the program, totaling 35 weeks of long-term clinical rotations/internship in the entire DPT program. This series of clinical experiences assures that the graduate has the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of practice settings, working within a team approach to patient management, under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor who is a licensed physical therapist.</p> <p>Our 22600 sq ft space includes three classrooms/laboratories and eight seminar rooms for teaching purposes, a research laboratory (about 2000 sq ft), faculty and administrative offices, student locker rooms, restrooms and kitchen/lounge areas and specialized equipment necessary to teach the content taught in a physical therapy professional program. There is sufficient free parking to accommodate students, faculty, staff, patients and visitors.</p>
<p>Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional information about interviews</p>	<p>Interviews are held during the first two weeks of January 2021. Due to the large number of applicants, a limited numbers of qualified applicants are selected and invited to the interview.</p>
<p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Total cumulative deposit</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Additional Information about Deposit</p>	<p>The deposit is non-refundable. Upon matriculation in the program, this money will be applied to the initial tuition installment.</p>
<p>Deposit Refundable?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Due Date of First Required Deposit</p>	<p>01/15/2021</p>

Program Information

Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	40
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	42
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	40%
% of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) applicants accepted	5%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	60%
% Male	45%
% Female	55%
% Hispanic	7%
% Asian	7%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	72%
% Two or More Races	14%
Additional information about the class profile	Admission decisions are based on a variety of factors. The primary factor in all admission decisions is prior academic achievement (overall, science, and/or prerequisite grade point average – GPA and GRE scores) and the potential for an applicant to be successful in a rigorous PT curriculum. An applicant's volunteer experience, letters of recommendation, and interview performance are reviewed by members of the Admissions Committee. The Admission's Committee will also consider additional factors in the final admissions review process (e.g., undergraduate attendance at Marshall University or West Virginia state residency, veteran of the US military, and certain economic, environmental, or geographic indicators contained in the PTCAS application.)

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental fee amount	\$40
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	All applicants are required to take the CASPer test (https://takecasper.com/). CASPer needs to be completed by October 29, 2020. Successful completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility. There is no supplemental application form and fee required when you apply on PTCAS. Supplemental application form will be completed at our onsite interview. When we offer you a seat (February - Mid-May) and you accept it, you will be asked to pay the \$40 supplemental application fee along with the \$500 seat deposit. Both deposits are non-refundable. Upon matriculation in the program, the seat deposit will be applied to the initial tuition installment.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	CASPer test score report (https://takecasper.com/)
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	0323
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	10/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/01/2015
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	149

Admission Requirements

AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	41
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	42
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.0
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 not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type not accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type not accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	One reference must be from a licensed physical therapist and the other can be from either another licensed physical therapist, a faculty member, or an employer (someone who can speak to your work ethic/professional behavior and/or potential ability to perform well in a graduate program).
Information about your PT requirements	For 2020-2021 application cycle only, complete at least 30 clinical observation hours, preferably from two different settings, under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist by the time of application. All PT observation hours need to be completed no later than April 30, 2021.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	30
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	04/30/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.54

Admission Requirements

MINIMUM GPA Prerequisite sciences	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Prerequisite sciences	3.44
MINIMUM GPA All prerequisites combined	3.00
AVERAGE GPA All prerequisites combined	3.48
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	GPA calculation policy change for repeated courses: • If a student retakes the same science course at the same institution and earns a higher grade on the second attempt, we will use the higher grade to calculate GPAs. • In other situations (i.e. taking the same science course more than two times at the same institution; retaking the same or equivalent course at a different institution), if a science course is repeated, we will use all grades earned for that course to calculate GPAs.
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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	International applicants will be required to submit an official TOEFL score report to PTCAS in addition to the other requirements described for consideration. TOEFL iBT score must be consistent with the standards established by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) as acceptable for physical therapists desiring to enter practice in the U.S. from a foreign country. The minimum scores to be considered for admission must be a Total Score of 89 with the minimum section requirement of "Speaking" of 26. TOEFL requirement is waived for applicants who hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States. International applicants who hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university outside of the United States will have to complete their credential evaluation [WES International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP)] (http://www.wes.org/educators/icap.asp) or from the World Education Services (WES) (http://www.wes.org/) to prove that their education is equivalent to the US undergraduate education and have the report sent to PTCAS.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	<p>For 2020-2021 application cycle only, to avoid disadvantaging prospective students who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Pass/Satisfactory science prerequisite credits are accepted during the semesters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, for our program admissions, we strongly encourage our applicants to opt for letter grade if available. All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. (science coursework older than 10 years is not accepted) Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Anatomy and physiology courses should preferably be completed with a grade of B or better. Note that students will be allowed to have one or two courses in progress at the time of interview (early January); however, outstanding course(s) must be completed with the appropriate minimal grade, prior to commencing the DPT program in May of the year for which students are applying. Provisional Admission: A student who possesses a baccalaureate degree from an accepted, regionally accredited college/university and has submitted all other application materials, but still has 1-2 prerequisite courses in progress at the time of interview (early January) may be provisionally admitted. However, outstanding course(s) must be completed with the appropriate minimal grade prior to commencing the DPT program in May of the year for which the student is applying. Conditional Admission: A student who does not already possess a baccalaureate degree from an accepted, regionally accredited institute, and/or has 1-2 prerequisite courses in progress at the time of interview (early January), but has submitted all other require application materials, may be conditionally admitted. However, the bachelor's degree must be earned, and outstanding course(s) must be completed with the appropriate minimal grade prior to commencing the DPT program in May of the year for which the student is applying.</p>
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	http://www.marshall.edu/physical-therapy/doctor-of-physical-therapy-program/admissions/admission-requirements/

Anatomy

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Applicants must document 6 hours of anatomy and physiology regardless of how the courses are offered. Anatomy and physiology courses should preferably be completed with a B or better. A qualified course shall cover all major human body systems. Functional/Applied anatomy with a main emphasis on the musculoskeletal system is not accepted. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Biology II

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Chemistry I

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry II

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physics I

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physics II

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physiology

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. Applicants must document 6 hours of anatomy and physiology regardless of how the courses are offered. Anatomy and physiology courses should preferably be completed with a B or better. A qualified course shall cover all major human body systems. Exercise physiology is not accepted. Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Psychology I

Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

Psychology II

Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

Statistics

All science prerequisites courses must be for science majors. If the statistics course is taken from the Mathematics Department, it can only meet the requirement of statistics prerequisite. (i.e. Another 3-credit course of mathematics is still needed.) Courses with a grade of C- or lower will not be accepted for prerequisites. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/24/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 16 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>* Interviews are held during the first two weeks of January 2021. Due to the large number of applicants, a limited numbers of qualified applicants are selected and invited to the interview.</p> <p>* The Orientation Session (mandatory) is scheduled on Friday, May 21, 2021 and classes will commence on May 24, 2021.</p>

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