



Medical University of South Carolina

Program Information

Program Name	Medical University of South Carolina
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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<p>Program Description</p>	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is the entry-level professional program at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) that prepares students for an exciting and dynamic career in health care. Students enter the program in late May and continue for nine consecutive semesters until graduating in May three years later. The DPT curriculum is based on the latest evidence and addresses human movement dysfunction, health promotion, and disease prevention across the lifespan. Students also learn about research in physical therapy, delivery of physical therapy services and interprofessional collaborative practice.</p> <p>As part of their education, DPT students complete four clinical practicums in locations across the United States and Puerto Rico. These clinical experiences are structured to require higher levels of performance with each subsequent rotation and are designed to foster application of didactic learning and development of entry level clinical competence. Clinical practicum opportunities enable students to examine and treat individuals with a variety of diagnoses and in a wide range of clinical settings such as acute care, subacute care, rehabilitation hospitals, home health, outpatient clinics, school settings, and specialized practice centers. Sufficient quantities of clinical sites are available to allow students to gain depth and breadth in their clinical education. Students also have the opportunity to practice in an interprofessional setting in a student run pro bono clinic that is offered two evenings a week on the MUSC campus. In addition, students may participate in adaptive sports clinics, a pediatric summer camp for children with movement dysfunction, and medical mission trips.</p> <p>The Division of Physical Therapy is housed within the College of Health Professions at MUSC and has superb faculty and facility resources. The DPT program has 15-core faculty and numerous adjunct faculty. All core faculty have doctorate degrees, six have advanced specialty certifications (Cardiopulmonary, Neurology, Pediatrics, and Orthopedics), and seven are engaged in clinical practice. The collective core faculty are involved in teaching, scholarship, and service and average greater than 30 publications per year. The physical therapy program is housed in three state of the art buildings that have classrooms and clinical skill laboratories with contemporary technology to enhance the educational experience. Research facilities include several biomechanics/motion analysis labs, an exercise physiology lab, a neuromuscular performance lab, and a transcranial stimulation lab. Several DPT faculty have joint appointments with the Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions and the Stroke Recovery Research Center. Students may have the opportunity to assist faculty members with grants or projects if interested in obtaining research experience.</p> <p>Student outcomes are excellent for the DPT program. The pass rates for the national licensure exam range from 98-100% in recent years indicating that our graduates are well prepared to begin physical therapy practice. Of those graduates who become licensed, 100% are employed within the first year of graduation. In addition to employment in the clinical setting, a number of our graduates also pursue residency education, clinical specialization, or advanced certifications while working.</p> <p>MUSC has approximately 2,500 students, and each physical therapy class currently has up to 64 students. About sixty percent of the accepted students are from South Carolina and forty percent are from out of state. There are a variety of scholarships available through the Division, College, and the University specifically for full-time health professions students. These scholarships are based on academic achievement, financial need, and non-cognitive factors such as community service, college involvement, and volunteerism. Students' live off-campus with the average rent of \$900 per month.</p> <p>MUSC is located in downtown Charleston in close proximity to The Citadel and College of Charleston campuses. Charleston is a rapidly growing port city on the Atlantic coast that is consistently rated as one of the best small cities in America. The location and climate here are perfect for year-round outdoor activities. There are numerous cultural, sporting, and entertainment events available that make this area attractive to people of all ages and backgrounds. The city's historic background and architecture, arts, beautiful beaches, and fine dining make this a popular place to live and to vacation.</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>No</p>
<p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Total cumulative deposit</p>	<p>\$500</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	68
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	68
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	54%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	46%
% Male	29%
% Female	71%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	Applicants can access the supplemental MUSC application through the link listed below.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://www.applyweb.com/musc/index.ftl
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7338
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	08/15/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Please allow 4 weeks for reporting of test results.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	153
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	61

Admission Requirements

AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	156
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	61
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	59
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	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type 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 come from a PT who has supervised the applicant during volunteer or paid clinical hours in a physical therapy practice setting. The second reference may come from another physical therapist, university faculty member or advisor, or an employer.
Information about your PT requirements	Clinical observation in physical therapy either as a volunteer or paid employee must also be with a minimum of two different patient populations. At least 10 observation hours are recommended with the second patient population.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00

Admission Requirements

AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.64
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.57
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	MUSC calculates GPA based on all college courses taken including dual credit and courses taken for a Master's degree. For the prerequisite GPA, applicants may designate courses for prerequisite consideration if more than the required number of courses have been completed in an area such as biology. The program may veto a choice if it is not appropriate. Although no prerequisite GPA is required, we suggest that applicants strive for a minimum of 3.0 prerequisite GPA.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
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?	Other
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	Non-native English speakers are required to submit TOEFL scores unless they received their undergraduate degree from a university located in the US. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a credentialing agency. US permanent residents and foreign citizens with a visa must provide evidence of their status. Foreign citizens must obtain a visa prior to enrolling in the Medical University of South Carolina.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	A Bachelor of Art or Science degree is required for all students entering the DPT program at MUSC except Clemson University Accelerated Pathway students who are required to complete all prerequisite courses after 3 years of undergraduate education.
General Information	The Office of Enrollment Management (OEM) at MUSC offers unofficial transcript evaluations from March 1st-June 30th. Please call OEM at 843-792-2536 to speak with an admissions specialist. Basic science courses must be for science majors with the exception of Anatomy and Physiology, which may be taken through an Exercise Science Dept. Frequently used prerequisites may be found at: https://education.musc.edu/admissions/future-applicants/required-prerequisites/frequently-approved-prerequisites
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	http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/pt/prerequisites.htm

Anatomy & Physiology I

Anatomy and Physiology may be taken separately or combined and taken as two, four-hour courses. If you start a two-part course sequence, you must complete both parts (Anatomy and Physiology I & II). If only a 3-semester credit hour course in anatomy is offered, a comparative anatomy or kinesiology course is recommended in addition to human anatomy. Vertebrate Anatomy is accepted if Human Anatomy is not offered. Exercise physiology will not meet the Human Physiology requirement.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II

See above.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I

In addition to Biology I and Biology II, acceptable courses include genetics, cell biology, zoology, and human biology and disease. Unacceptable courses are botany, exercise physiology, and human physiology when used as the physiology prerequisite.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Advanced • Biology: Cell • Biology: Embryology • Biology: General • Biology: General I • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Molecular • Biology: Zoology • Chemistry: Biochemistry

Biology II

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology• Chemistry: Biochemistry

Chemistry I

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

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

Physics I

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

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

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I

Social/Behavioral Science

To meet the requirement, the course needs to be a course in Abnormal Psychology.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal

Statistics

This course should include both parametric and nonparametric statistics.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Biostatistics• Mathematics: Statistics• Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/20/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Information sessions are offered several times each semester for applicants who would like to visit the campus and learn more about MUSC and the DPT program. The dates for the information sessions are posted on the Prospective Students link on the College of Health Professions web page: https://education.musc.edu/colleges/health-professions/prospective-students . Applications are reviewed in November, and applicants are notified of admission decisions in December. Accepted students are invited to attend an Open House in January prior to the May start date if unable to attend one of the information sessions.

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