



Program Information	
Program Name	Mercer University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	2010
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>Mercer University offers an innovative, 8-semester professional program in physical therapy which awards the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The program is offered on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus in Atlanta, Georgia. Students benefit from low faculty-student ratios, opportunities to engage in educational and professional activities with physical therapist residents and fellows, and interaction with patients/clients in the on-campus physical therapy clinic. Mercer's DPT Program provides a comprehensive entry-level professional education, including an integrated clinical education track that consists of service-learning, integrated clinical experiences, and full-time clinical education. Mercer DPT students are actively engaged in clinical education each semester.</p> <p>Please review our vision, mission, core values, and program goals for an overview of the physical therapy program via our website (http://chp.mercer.edu/academics-departments/physical-therapy/). A review of the Profile of a Mercer University Doctor of Physical Therapy Graduate will allow potential applicants the opportunity to identify with our philosophical statements which we believe should personify a physical therapist. The abilities and attributes, curriculum, course offerings, and outcomes (including board examination pass rates) are available for your review.</p> <p>If you would like to attend an information session or would like more information about the program, please contact us at dpt@mercer.edu or visit https://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/information-sessions/ to register for an information session.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Mercer University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) (3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org). Mercer University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	DPT/MPH: Please see the website for information about the DPT/MPH combined degree program. DPT/MBA: Please see the website for information about the DPT/MBA combined degree program.

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Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No
Institution's Religious Affiliation	Baptist
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	The most qualified applicants will be invited to visit the Department of Physical Therapy for an interview.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1500
Additional Information about Deposit	The first tuition deposit of \$750 is due upon acceptance. The second tuition deposit of \$750 is due 3/01/2024. \$1,475 is applied to the first semester's tuition; \$25 satisfies the university's matriculation fee.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$101789
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$101789
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	38
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	38
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	58%
% of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) applicants accepted	0%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	42%
% of CANADIAN applicants accepted	0%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted	0%
% Male	34%
% Female	66%
% Declining to State	0%

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% Hispanic	0%
% Asian	7%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	7%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	73%
% Two or More Races	13%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$25
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	The supplemental essay is linked on the Admissions website (https://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/physical-therapy/).
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Supplemental Essay
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	11/15/2023
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	http://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/physical-therapy/
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7750
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	10/21/2023
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	GRE scores are required as part of the application. There is no minimum score requirement; however, competitive scores have previously been a combined (Verbal and Quantitative) score of 300 or above, a verbal score of 150 or above, and analytical writing score of 3.5 or above.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	152
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
Number of references required by program	None
Information about your PT requirements	Required Experiential Hours: Volunteer, observation, or work experience in physical therapy and service learning: A minimum of 60 hours total, divided among three settings with at least 20 hours in each setting. Experiences should be in at least two different types of physical therapy clinical practice settings. Examples of physical therapy settings include: outpatient orthopedics, pediatrics (outpatient, home health, inpatient rehab), geriatrics (home health, skilled nursing facility, rehabilitation center), and acute care (hospital). Thirty (30) of these hours should be completed prior to application. The third experience should be as an active participant in a service or community project. Examples of this service/volunteer experience include working in an after-school program, volunteering with a food bank or shelter, or engaging in community improvement projects (locally, nationally, or internationally). Ten (10) of these hours should be completed prior to application.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification of hours is required
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	08/01/2025
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements

Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.61
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.5
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Required overall cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Completion of all prerequisites prior to matriculation with GPA of 3.00 (using all grades/attempts) is required. Preferred Science GPA of 3.00. You must complete at least six (6) of the ten (10) prerequisites prior to application and include a plan for completing the outstanding prerequisites in your application. Entering class statistics are available on the program's website.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send WES foreign evaluation for Canadian courses to PTCAS
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	Please send foreign transcript evaluation from World Education Services (WES) to PTCAS.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	Yes, unless you are part of the Accelerated Special Consideration Program at Mercer University. See the following site for details: https://aas.mercer.edu/pre-professional-tracks/special-consideration-programs/physician-assistant/guaranteed-admission-plus-degree-program-for-physical-therapy.cfm
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://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/physical-therapy/

Anatomy & Physiology I

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

Anatomy & Physiology II

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

Biology / Biological Science

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
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

Chemistry I

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

Physics II

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

Psychology

A psychology course with an emphasis on individual behavior is required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I• Psychology: General II• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Life Span Development• Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health

Social/Behavioral Science

A behavioral science course with an emphasis on group behavior (sociology, cultural anthropology) is required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology• Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health• Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography• Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies• Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality• Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology• Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies

Statistics

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
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	08/19/2024
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	November 15, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>The priority deadline for the Fall 2024 entering class is October 1, 2023; the final (firm) deadline for the Fall 2024 entering class is November 15, 2023.</p> <p>Please note that interviews may be held September through December. Students who submit completed applications will be considered on a rolling basis.</p>

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