



Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Suwanee - Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Program Information	
Program Name	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Suwanee - Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	2018
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>The mission of the developing physical therapy program at PCOM is to prepare individuals who demonstrate excellence in the practice of physical therapy, emphasize a "whole person" approach to patient management, commit to the advancement of knowledge and intellectual growth, and engage in the well-being of the community.</p> <p>The DPT program equips students with the technical skills and knowledge needed to work in a variety of health care settings. Critical thinking and evidence-based practice are primary focuses of the program. Pairing these emphases with a variety of opportunities for clinical learning provides the experience necessary to practice care on the front lines of health. PCOM's collaborative environment, family atmosphere and academic support nurture student success.</p> <p>The program's location at the Georgia Campus in Suwanee is also home to osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician's assistant and biomedical sciences education programs. This provides the opportunity for interaction of the physical therapy students with other health care providers, fostering development of a collaborative approach to care that is required in today's health care arena. The osteopathic tradition complements the physical therapy program by further emphasizing a campus-wide focus on wellness-oriented, whole-person care at every stage of life.</p> <p>The DPT program is designed to be completed in three years, and includes both coursework and experiential learning in a variety of settings. As part of the 140 credit hours, students gain "real-world" experience through participation in 36 weeks of full-time clinical education. Students may also enhance their learning of physical therapy practice through participation in elective courses.</p> <p>The DPT program's emphasis on holistic admissions supports the vision of cultivating an inclusive learning environment that is diverse, inquisitive, dignified and respectful and that will inspire caring graduates who advocate for all individuals in our changing healthcare environment. Construction of a new 12,000 square foot facility dedicated to the physical therapy program demonstrates the program's commitment to providing a state-of-the-art learning environment. PCOM has supported the hiring of faculty members who are qualified both as educators and clinicians.</p> <p>Students in the PT program at PCOM are encouraged to engage in community service, following the example of students in other programs on campus. PCOM was awarded a Gwinnett Impact Award in 2017, recognizing the 9,000+ hours spent in community service by students, faculty, and staff.</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 Information

Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1500
Additional Information about Deposit	Accepted applicants are asked to send a \$500 non-refundable deposit by January 15. An additional deposit of \$1,000 is required by April 16 from all confirmed students. This fee is non-refundable and, along with the initial deposit, will be credited to the student's tuition account.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2020
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	40
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	40
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	67.5%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	30%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted	2.5%
% Male	52.5%
% Female	47.5%
% Hispanic	2.5%
% Asian	22.5%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2.5%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	65%
% Two or More Races	2.5%
% Declining to State	5%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$75
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	Instructions on how to submit your supplemental payment and materials will be forwarded via email once your application has been e-submitted, completed and verified by PTCAS as well as processed by PCOM Admissions.
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	2849
University GRE code	4281

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's GRE requirements	The Physical Therapy Program at PCOM Georgia does not require minimum GRE scores. Recognize, however, that admission is competitive and selective and higher scores will enhance the chances of being accepted for an interview.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	149
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5
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 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 not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	To the extent appropriate, each letter should address the applicant's character, leadership abilities, commitment to service, ability to be self-directed, communication skills, and ability to work as a member of a team. Recommendation letters must be on letterhead and preferably signed.
Information about your PT requirements	Applicants should be able to demonstrate breadth and depth of knowledge about the practice of physical therapy through meaningful exposures as demonstrated through a completed application for admission. Any volunteer work or paid work in a clinical setting wherein candidates are either providing hands-on care or witnessing care first hand is valued. Health care shadowing experiences are also highly recommended. Exposure to the practice of physical therapy in settings across the continuum of care is recommended.
Program's PT hours requirement	Other
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.45
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.41

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Although the PT program at PCOM Georgia does not require minimum GPAs, competition for admission is competitive and selective. Higher GPAs will enhance the chances of being selected for an interview. The program uses the average of grades in all repeated courses.
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?	Yes
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Applicants may choose to take the two-course sequence in Anatomy & Physiology or a two-course sequence in Biology. If the applicant chooses to take the A&P courses, an additional course in Biology must be taken. If the General Biology route is taken, applicants must also take another Biology (preferably advanced) to satisfy the prerequisite course requirements.
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.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/physical-therapy.html

Anatomy & Physiology I

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"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: SEPARATE courses • Biology: Any

Anatomy & Physiology II

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"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • Biology: Any

Biology I

Biology courses must be approved for science majors. 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">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: SEPARATE courses• Biology: Advanced• Biology: General I• Biology: General II

Biology II

Biology courses must be approved for science majors. 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">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: SEPARATE courses• Biology: Advanced• Biology: General II

Chemistry I

Chemistry courses must be approved for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry II

Chemistry courses must be approved for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physics I

Physics courses must be approved for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physics II

Physics courses must be approved for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Psychology

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Social/Behavioral Science

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology

Statistics

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/07/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Mar 01 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>The Faculty Committee on Admissions utilizes a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, applications will be considered throughout the year as received until the desired enrollment of 40 new students has been achieved. However, those applications completed prior to December 1 will be given priority.</p> <p>Applications must be completed AND verified by PTCAS to be considered for review.</p>

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