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Program Name	Rockhurst University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1983
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>Rockhurst University's Department of Physical Therapy Education is committed to preparing competent, caring physical therapists who will transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience. Throughout the professional program students engage in active learning experiences to promote wellness and help others manage their health when their abilities are threatened or impaired by developmental deficits, aging, physical illness or injury. Emphasizing and integrating critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, service, and ethical decision making throughout the curriculum, the Rockhurst Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program prepares students for licensure as physical therapists and enhances students abilities to clinically reason in a complex and changing health care system.</p> <p>Rockhurst's fully accredited DPT program is distinctive for its close faculty-student interactions, diverse service learning opportunities, professional and leadership development, and interprofessional collaboration. The Rockhurst DPT program is designed as an entry-level doctoral degree program, with the curriculum beginning each summer semester, including eight semesters of dynamic course work over two and half academic years. Students participate in a wide variety of interactive learning experiences, including class discussions, clinical simulation, multiple service projects, independent study, leadership experiences, nationwide clinical site locations, and options for advanced elective coursework.</p> <p>Rockhurst also offers the nation's first integrated DPT-MBA program as well as a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in health care management. Both programs prepare students with additional skills increasingly necessary for contemporary healthcare leadership roles.</p> <p>Additionally, students have the option to participate in an extra curricular course to prepare them for the NSCA's certified strength and conditioning specialist exam (CSCS).</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	DPT/MBA DPT/MA

Program Information

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	Jesuit
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Interviews will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Please check RU's PT Department Website to confirm.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$400
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is applied to the first semester's tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$96500.00
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$96500.00
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	48
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	50
% Male	38%
% Female	62%
% Hispanic	8%
% Asian	4%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	4%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	80%
% Two or More Races	4%
Additional information about the class profile	Rockhurst is a private institution. Therefore, state and/or country of residence is not a factor in admissions decisions. However, preference is given to applicants who are currently enrolled and receive an undergraduate degree from the University. Additionally, Rockhurst reserves places in the program for qualified incoming freshman and transfer students who maintain certain criteria throughout their undergraduate education.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0

Admission Requirements

Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	Catalog Course Description and/or Course Syllabus: This information should only be submitted when the applicant is seeking consideration of a specific course(s) to satisfy a prerequisite requirement. This can be uploaded in the document section of the PTCAS application.
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7638
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	12/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	07/01/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Higher priority will be given to applicants with GRE scores: Verbal 150 and Quantitative 148. The GRE must be taken within five years of application to the program and no older than July 1, 2015.
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	147
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
MINIMUM GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	145
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
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 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 accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	* In choosing your references, please select individuals that can objectively evaluate you based on the following criteria: - commitment to learning - interpersonal skills - communication skills - effective use of time - leadership - use of constructive feedback - ethical and professional behavior - responsibility - critical thinking - stress management - problem solving.
Information about your PT requirements	* In light of COVID-19, the program will waive physical therapy observation hours for the 2020-21 cycle. * The program recommends that applicants observe physical therapy in as many practice environments as possible. Applicants with a Rockhurst University Pre-Admission are required to complete 32 hours of observation with 16 hours in an acute care setting and 16 hours in an outpatient setting.

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Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	60
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.0
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.6
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific science prerequisite	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific science prerequisite	3.56
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	<p>* The College of Health and Human Service's current policy requires a letter grade for all prerequisite courses for admissions to the graduate programs. In extenuating circumstances students may have the opportunity to select a pass/fail grade as an option for prerequisite coursework. It is strongly recommended that students not select this option. If the student selects a pass/fail grade for a prerequisite course, it will impact how grade point averages are calculated and may ultimately impact final ranking. If a letter grade option is not provided, the student must contact the graduate admissions office for assistance with their application. * A minimum of 3.20 in science prerequisite courses AND a minimum of 3.20 in all prerequisites courses. * The program will use grades from all completed courses in its cumulative calculation. * If a prerequisite course is repeated, the program uses only the highest grade earned in its GPA calculations. * All prerequisite courses must be completed for a grade of "C" or better. * Prerequisite courses that were taken more than 10 years prior to application will only be considered by petition to the Physical Therapy Admissions Committee.</p>
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	For specific admissions requirements for international students, See: * http://catalog.rockhurst.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=65#International_Student_Admission . Applicants can also contact the Assistant Director of Residence Life, Multicultural Education Coordinator at emily.kempf@rockhurst.edu . Use World Education Services (WES) for foreign transcript evaluation.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* The College of Health and Human Service's current policy requires a letter grade for all prerequisite courses for admissions to the graduate programs. In extenuating circumstances students may have the opportunity to select a pass/fail grade as an option for prerequisite coursework. It is strongly recommended that students not select this option. If the student selects a pass/fail grade for a prerequisite course, it will impact how grade point averages are calculated and may ultimately impact final ranking. If a letter grade option is not provided, the student must contact the graduate admissions office for assistance with their application. Candidates will find content descriptions below for the required courses for admissions. Please make note of the ethics and communications course content descriptions. Please be aware our program has a prerequisite requirement of both a 3-hour ethics course and a 3-hour communications course.
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.rockhurst.edu/physical-therapy/prospective-students/requirements

Anatomy

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: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology / Biological Science

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: General • Biology: Microbiology

Chemistry 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"> • Chemistry I • Chemistry: Inorganic

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Inorganic
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Communication / Speech / Public Speaking

Course description and objectives should clearly indicate content coverage of theories that focus on communication in a variety of settings (e.g., interpersonal, small group, work settings). Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Applicable
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comm: Communication• Comm: Public Speaking• Comm: Speech
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Ethics

Course description and objectives should indicate content coverage of factors involved in moral decision making, ethical principles, ethical theory, and application of these concepts. Course must also be applicable to working in the health care profession. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Exercise Physiology
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Physics I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physiology

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: Human• A&P: SEPARATE courses

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: General

Psychology

Abnormal or developmental psychology is preferred, or any upper level division psychology course. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Life Span Development

Statistics

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">• Business: Statistics• Mathematics: Statistics• Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/01/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Soft
Application close date	Jan 15 2021
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application to PTCAS by the September 15, 2020 soft deadline date. Applications received after November 21, 2020 will be reviewed by the PT Admissions Committee, but the decision to schedule further interviews will be made at the discretion of the committee.

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