



# Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Blackwood/South)

## Program Information

Program Name	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Blackwood/South)
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
Country	United States
State	NJ
City	Blackwood
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## Program Information

Program Description	<p>The Rutgers DPT-South Program strives to recruit a qualified student population that reflects the diversity in our region and society. We are committed to an open and inclusive environment that is welcoming to underrepresented minority groups with the overarching goal of contributing to a Physical Therapy workforce built on the strengths of our diversity.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) South Program of Rutgers University is an entry-level physical therapy program designed to prepare health professionals who will function competently and creatively as members of a team of health professionals in a dynamic healthcare environment. The Program has been continuously accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Physical Therapy Association since 1990, and is currently accredited through 2029. Rutgers University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which is a voluntary, nongovernmental, peer-based membership association dedicated to promoting standards of excellence and improvement in higher education. The Program is part of the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) School of Health Professions (SHP).</p> <p>Graduates of our program are employed in a variety of educational and practice settings throughout the country. Faculty members are highly qualified and represent a broad spectrum of physical therapy practice and research and scholarly interests. The faculty includes board-certified clinical specialists in the areas of hand, orthopedic, neurologic, pediatric, and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation.</p> <p>The DPT Program facilities are located in Blackwood, New Jersey on the campus of Camden County College. We are conveniently located one-half hour from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and one hour from the New Jersey shore. This Program is year-round and open to full-time students only. Thirty-eight weeks of full-time clinical experiences are integrated through the curriculum.</p> <p>The Doctoral Programs in Physical Therapy have a shared mission to graduate entry-level physical therapists who are engaged in contemporary practice, with faculty and students who embody the core values of the physical therapy profession and who are committed to humanistic principles through education, scholarship, service, and practice.</p> <p>The Program's graduate degree curriculum builds upon liberal arts education and integrates the humanities, scientific theory, and clinical experiences to provide entry-level competence in patient care, management, health care programming, community education and service, and scientific inquiry.</p> <p>Students are provided with early integrated clinical experiences and required to participate in community service. This allows students to integrate clinical reasoning and provide care for populations who are underserved.</p> <p>The Program's three-year curriculum begins the in the Summer semester each year. Students complete 110 credits in this full-time program.</p> <p>Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend at least one Program meet-and-greet or information session prior to applying to the Program. <a href="https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/blackwood-campus/">https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/blackwood-campus/</a></p>
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## Program Information

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 conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$750
Additional Information about Deposit	A non-refundable \$750 deposit is required in order to secure your seat in the DPT South Program class. This deposit will be credited to the tuition after enrollment.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	32
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	32
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	97%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	3%
% Male	41%
% Female	59%
% Hispanic	3.1%
% Asian	9.4%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	9.4%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	75%
% Two or More Races	3.1%

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
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Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Document upload requirements	* Applicants can upload supporting course descriptions or syllabi for selected prerequisite course(s) that may need further clarification. * Applicants may also upload additional letters of recommendation under "Other" for further consideration.
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	<a href="https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/">https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/</a>
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	6976
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	08/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	08/01/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	The DPT-South program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements to evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants. Academic elements include things like college course grades and standardized test (i.e. Graduate Record Exam) scores. The non-academic elements are gleaned from the application and should demonstrate your commitment to humanistic principles that are the core values of the Physical Therapy profession such as education, scholarship, and service. It is recommended to have GRE scores in at least the 50% percentile. We accept any combination of your highest scores. If you are significantly below the 50th percentile in any area, you should consider retaking the test. Applicants are strongly recommended to exceed the minimum scores. All official GRE scores must be released in PTCAS no later than October 1, 2020. Applicants should submit their official GRE scores to the PTCAS GRE code 6976 for "Rutgers U South PTCAS". Your application will NOT be considered if your GRE scores are not sent to the PTCAS GRE code 6976. The GRE test must be taken within five (5) years of the application date. Information on taking the GRE is available online at <a href="http://www.gre.org">http://www.gre.org</a>
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
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 one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3

## Admission Requirements

<p>Additional information about program's reference requirements</p>	<p>The DPT-South program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants. Each applicant is required to submit three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to evaluate his/her academic and professional qualifications. At least one letter must be from a licensed physical therapist who can speak about the applicant's knowledge of physical therapy, motivation for pursuing PT as a career, initiative, and interpersonal and critical thinking skills. At least one letter is required from a college professor/instructor with whom the applicant has taken course work, who is familiar with the applicant's academic achievements and can address their potential for success in graduate education. The third letter of recommendation can be from any professional or academic source. Personal letters of recommendation do not meet the reference requirement. We may accept reference letter packets if it meets our noted reference requirements. Applicants should be mindful of whom they are asking to write a letter of recommendation on their behalf due to complications of the pandemic. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses. However, if applicants opt to receive pass/fail course grading, then it would be critically important to select an academic reference who can and will speak specifically to the applicant's academic/classroom abilities. If applicants are not able to undertake planned PT volunteer/work experiences, applicants should be sure to speak with preexisting contacts to solicit a writer for the letter of recommendation from a Physical Therapist.</p>
<p>Information about your PT requirements</p>	<p>The DPT-South program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements to evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants. Applicants are expected to have exposure to at least two distinct areas of physical therapy practice through volunteer and/or work experience under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. These experiences should provide the applicant with the knowledge and understanding of the physical therapy profession. There is no minimum number of hours required. We do, however, recommend applicants have at least 250 hours in a variety of PT settings. Many physical therapy providers may have limited or stopped volunteer activities due to COVID-19. As such, the Rutgers DPT Program recognizes that the ability to undertake the recommended quantity and breadth of PT experience might be limited. Applicants should make efforts to garner experience that meets the requirements/recommendations of the Program, when it is again safe to do so. If a candidate feels that their ability to meet the requirements for admission was impacted by CoVID-19 they are encouraged to provide that information in the space allotted for those explanations in PTCAS.</p>
<p>Program's PT hours requirement</p>	<p>PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist</p>
<p>Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED</p>	<p>250</p>
<p>DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours</p>	<p>10/01/2020</p>
<p>Paid</p>	<p>Accepted/Considered</p>
<p>Volunteer</p>	<p>Accepted/Considered</p>
<p>Inpatient</p>	<p>Accepted/Considered</p>
<p>Outpatient</p>	<p>Accepted/Considered</p>
<p>MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative</p>	<p>3.00</p>
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<p>MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite</p>	<p>3.00</p>
<p>AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite</p>	<p>3.47</p>
<p>Additional information about program's GPA requirements</p>	<p>The DPT-South program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements to evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants. Academic elements include things like college course grades and standardized test (i.e. Graduate Record Exam) scores. The non-academic elements are gleaned from the application and should demonstrate your commitment to humanistic principles that are the core values of the Physical Therapy profession such as education, scholarship, and service. Evidence of completion with a grade of C or better in the following courses. Applicants should earn a B or better in all prerequisite courses. Meeting the minimal requirements does not guarantee admission. The admissions process is competitive. The credentials of accepted applicants generally exceed the minimum requirements. We will not accept online coursework for the lab components of the prerequisites. Applicants cannot have more than 2 incomplete (in progress) prerequisite courses at the time of application. All courses must be completed prior to the start of the program. Coursework older than 10 years old will not be accepted. Recently due to COVID-19, many colleges and universities have offered students the option to have pass/fail course grading rather than letter grading. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses.</p>
<p>Program considers Canadian coursework?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Canadian Transcripts Dictionary</p>	<p>Send WES foreign evaluation for Canadian courses to PTCAS</p>
<p>Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework</p>	<p>Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)</p>
<p>Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

## Admission Requirements

Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Foreign applicants are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not their native language. Satisfactory English proficiency is a prerequisite for graduate study. The acceptable score for TOEFL is 100 or above for the internet-based (iBT) examination. The TOEFL exam must be taken on or before August 1, 2020. The official test results must be received by PTCAS by October 1, 2020. For further test information, write to TOEFL, Education Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541, U.S.A. or visit their website ( <a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">http://www.ets.org/toefl</a> ) Nonimmigrant applicants must present evidence of adequate financial resources. The University may deny admission to nonimmigrant students for lack of English proficiency, lack of financial support, or because of improper visa status. Transcripts of all coursework must include English translations of course titles and credit conversion to the American system. A course-by-course report is required.

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	The DPT-South program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements to evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants All required science courses must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a laboratory component. Introductory courses for non-majors are not acceptable. We will not accept online coursework for the lab components of the prerequisites. An applicant will not be considered for admission if there are more than 2 outstanding prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application. All coursework must be completed prior to the start of the program. Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted. Recently due to the impact of COVID-19, many colleges and universities have offered students the option to have pass/fail course grading rather than letter grading. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses.
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	<a href="https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/">https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/</a>

## Anatomy & Physiology I

Courses must consist of human and/ or mammalian anatomy and physiology. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by a sole semester of human anatomy, a sole semester of human physiology is required. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II is required. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component. Exercise Physiology lecture and lab are not accepted. Coursework older than 10 years old will not be accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li> <li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Human</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Mammalian</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neuroanatomy</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Pathophysiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Anatomy & Physiology II

Courses must consist of human and/ or mammalian anatomy and physiology. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by a sole semester of human anatomy, a sole semester of human physiology is required. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II is required. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component. Exercise Physiology lecture and lab are not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li><li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li><li>• A&amp;P: Human</li><li>• A&amp;P: Mammalian</li><li>• A&amp;P: Neuroanatomy</li><li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Pathophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li></ul>

## Biology I

Broad principles of cell biology, genetics, and evolution; the diversity of life and its physiology, ecology, and population dynamics. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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

## Biology II

Broad principles of cell biology, genetics, and evolution; the diversity of life and its physiology, ecology, and population dynamics. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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

## Chemistry I

Include an introduction to chemical principles and their application. Topics generally include stoichiometry, states of matter, atomic and molecular structure, solutions, thermodynamics, equilibrium, oxidation-reduction, kinetics, nonmetals, metals and coordination compounds, and nuclear chemistry. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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

## Chemistry II

Include an introduction to chemical principles and their application. Topics generally include stoichiometry, states of matter, atomic and molecular structure, solutions, thermodynamics, equilibrium, oxidation-reduction, kinetics, nonmetals, metals and coordination compounds, and nuclear chemistry. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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"><li>• Chemistry II</li><li>• Chemistry: Advanced</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>
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## Physics I

Elementary but detailed analysis of fundamental topics: motion, gravitation, momentum, energy, electromagnetism, waves, heat, kinetic theory, quantum effects, and atomic and nuclear structures. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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"><li>• Physics I</li><li>• Physics: General</li></ul>
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## Physics II

Elementary but detailed analysis of fundamental topics: motion, gravitation, momentum, energy, electromagnetism, waves, heat, kinetic theory, quantum effects, and atomic and nuclear structures. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component.

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"><li>• Physics II</li><li>• Physics: General</li></ul>
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## Social/Behavioral Science

Classes covered under social and behavioral sciences include any general or advanced psychology or sociology courses. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	SH: 3-4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: Any</li><li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Any</li></ul>
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## Social/Behavioral Science

Classes covered under social and behavioral sciences include any general or advanced psychology or sociology courses. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	SH: 3-4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: Any</li><li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Any</li></ul>
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## Statistics

Confidence estimation, hypothesis testing, probability, correlation and regression analyses, basis of experimental design. Can include statistics for business, biostatistics, mathematics or psychology. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	07/26/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>We encourage applicants to submit their application by September 1, 2020, to ensure your application is <b>verified by PTCAS by the October 1, 2020 deadline</b>. The Program's requirements for a complete application are more extensive than those of PTCAS. <b>In order to be deemed complete by the Program's standards, applications must be submitted and ALL of the additional materials noted below must be received and verified in PTCAS by October 1, 2020. Applications must be self-managed by the applicant. Only those applications that are deemed complete by the Program and verified by PTCAS at the time of the deadline will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.</b></p> <p><b>The following are the required application materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Official transcripts sent to PTCAS</li> <li>* Official GRE scores sent to the program's PTCAS GRE Code 6976</li> <li>* Letters of recommendation submitted via PTCAS</li> <li>* Completed PT experience entered in PTCAS</li> </ul> <p>* International students from non-English speaking countries are required to provide the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) , Any foreign transcripts must include a course-by-course credential evaluation report in English.</p> <p>Any application that does not include all of the required materials by October 1, 2020, deadline will be withdrawn as incomplete.</p> <p>Applicants must submit Fall 2020 coursework during the "Academic Update" period provided by PTCAS.</p> <p>Qualified applicants will be invited to interview. Interview dates will be scheduled in the Fall term of 2020. Additional information will be emailed to you after receipt of your application if you are selected for an interview.</p> <p>Please consult program's webpage for upcoming Meet and Greet and Information Session dates <a href="https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/blackwood-campus/">https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/doctorate-in-physical-therapy/blackwood-campus/</a></p> <p>Admitted students will begin classes in the Summer semester tentatively on July 26, 2021.</p>

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