



Program Information

Program Name	Sacred Heart University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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State	CT
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Program Information

This page is intended for current college students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the freshman-entry program.

Program Description	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) curriculum at Sacred Heart University emphasizes clinical decision-making, self-directed learning, and hands-on, real-world experience. Students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and experience needed for a successful career. The DPT is a professional educational program leading to a clinical doctorate as the entry-level degree for professional practice. The program is three years in length, including eight to 10 weeks of full-time clinical work in each of the summers between the first and second years.</p> <p>The DPT curriculum is organized around carefully designed patient or professional practice problems that students study, discuss, and research in small groups. As a result, students graduate with the experience, confidence, and communication skills needed for a successful career.</p> <p>Graduates have a 100% ultimate pass rate on the national PT licensure exam (NPTE).</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
Institution's Religious Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Academically qualified candidates will be invited for an on-site interview. The interview sessions consist of an introduction to the program, a group interview, a personal interview with a faculty member, and a tour/informal Q&A with a few of our current students
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes

Program Information

Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is applied directly to the first semester tuition and is non-refundable.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/01/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$120000
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$120000
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	68
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	66
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	27%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	73%
% Male	32%
% Female	68%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	1%
% Asian	8%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	1%
% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	84%
% Declining to State	5%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7001
University GRE code	3780
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	10/15/2020
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	* A GRE score report is required for admission however, there is no set minimum score required. * At home administrations of the GRE are currently available around the clock Friday through Monday until June 30, 2020, and seven days a week from July 1 through September 30, 2020.
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator

Admission Requirements

Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
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	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	<p>Program requires one academic reference and one reference from a supervisor and/or physical therapist. The supervisor may be, but is not required to be, a licensed physical therapist. Please speak to each of the headings, if possible. It is not necessary to discuss each of the sub-topics. These are provided for your consideration and reflection only. Please send the letter to PTCAS, as described in the instructions. FROM AN EMPLOYMENT AND/OR VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR SOURCE: It is appropriate for this letter of reference to come from an individual who has had substantive experience supervising the applicant in an employment or volunteer setting, preferably in a health care setting. It is not necessary for the work or volunteer experience to be a physical therapy setting exclusively. The purpose of the letter of reference from this source is to provide information about the applicant in the following categories: (1) Knowledge of the applicant: in what capacity you have known the applicant, for what period of time, how well you have known the applicant. (2) Attitude and Character: confidence in the work place, ability to work with others, acceptance of criticism, motivation and enthusiasm, reliability, honesty, willingness, cooperation. (3) Work habits/work load tolerance: ability to work independently, ability to work effectively in groups, self-discipline, initiative, resourcefulness, ability to manage stress, self-control, time management, poise and confidence. (4) Communication skills: verbal, non-verbal, written with superiors, peers, subordinates, customers. (5) Judgment and Decision-making skills: ability to express opinion, creative thinking, active learning, practicality in every day decisions, leadership abilities. FROM AN ACADEMIC SOURCE: It is appropriate for this letter of reference to come from an individual who has had substantive experience working with the applicant in a classroom or academic advising situation, preferably associated with the applicant's undergraduate degree. The purpose of the letter of reference from this source is to provide information about the applicant in the following categories: (1) Knowledge of the applicant: in what capacity you have known the applicant, for what period of time, how well you have known the applicant. (2) Attitude and Character: confidence in the classroom, ability to work with others, acceptance of criticism, motivation and enthusiasm, reliability, honesty, willingness, cooperation. (3) Learning characteristics: self-directed, group learning skills, intellectual curiosity, preferred learning style, listening skills. (4) Work load tolerance: ability to manage stress, self-control, time management, poise and confidence. (5) Communication skills: verbal, non-verbal, written with faculty, students and others. (6) Independent thinking: creative thinking, active learning, curiosity, problem-solving skills.</p>
Information about your PT requirements	The number of hours are less important than the diversity of the clinical experiences. Documentation of a minimum of 2 different observation experiences (either volunteer or paid) in different physical therapy practice settings (e.g., hospital, nursing home, rehabilitation agency, outpatient department, private practice, etc. NOT 2 different orthopedic clinics). Form is to be completed by the applicant and verified by the Physical Therapist supervising the experience.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	50
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	04/21/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Required
Outpatient	Required
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.48
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.5
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Applicants may retake a maximum of two courses one time each for a prerequisite grade replacement.

Admission Requirements

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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Course-by-course academic credential report is required.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* The required minimum GPA for prerequisite courses is 3.2 or higher, with no individual prerequisite grade lower than a C. * Grades from two repeated courses will be permitted for use in the prerequisite GPA calculation. * All science prerequisite courses must be taken at a regionally accredited institution.
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	http://www.sacredheart.edu/academics/collegeofhealthprofessions/academicprograms/physicaltherapy/doctorofphysicaltherapy/dptprerequisites/

Anatomy & Physiology I

A two-semester college sequence of human anatomy and physiology with labs. One semester of human anatomy and one semester of human physiology will also fulfill the requirement.

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

Anatomy & Physiology II

See course description for A&P I

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">• A&P: Animal• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Comparative• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate
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Biology I

Biology 1 should be a first foundational course in biology and provides an introduction to the molecular concepts that form the basis of cellular life. Concepts in Biology I should include the basic principles of evolution, biochemistry, cell structure and function, signal transduction, cell division, transmission genetics, the central dogma of molecular biology, and control of gene expression.

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">• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General I• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Molecular
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Biology II

The course should focus on the cellular and organismal levels in the hierarchy of biological organization. Concepts in Biology II covers adaptations of plant and animal life in an evolutionary context and includes discussion of development, body and tissue organization, homeostasis, energy yielding metabolism, nutrition, digestion, circulation, nutrient transport, and gas exchange.

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">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: General II
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Chemistry I

A two-semester college sequence of general chemistry with labs. A semester of inorganic and a semester of organic chemistry, each with labs, will also fulfill the requirement. Chemistry I should explore modern theories of atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding and periodic relations, chemical reactions and stoichiometry, states of matter, and solutions.

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 I• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Chemistry II

Chemistry II should explore chemical thermodynamics; chemical kinetics; chemical, ionic, and acid-base equilibria; electrochemistry; chemistry of the representative elements and transition elements; and nuclear reactions.

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

Math

A one-semester course of precalculus or calculus. (BOTH Algebra and Trigonometry) can also be acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics: Calculus• Mathematics: Pre-Calculus

Physics I

A two-semester college sequence of non-calculus based physics.

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

Physics II

See course description for Physics I.

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

Psychology

General or introductory psychology.

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

Psychology

Second psychology course of the student's choice.

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

Statistics

A one-semester course in probability and elementary statistics.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/30/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 15 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>September 15, 2019 is a Priority Deadline.</p> <p>October 15, 2019 is the last date for completed applications to be received by PTCAS and received by the Office of Graduate Admissions at Sacred Heart University. Please note that the processing time between the moment you submit your application to the time that your application is verified and able to be reviewed by Sacred Heart University could be 4 weeks.</p>

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