



Program Information

Program Name	Samford University
General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information

This page is intended for college transfer students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program. Do not apply using PTCAS.

Program Description	<p>COMPASSION. MOVEMENT. TEAMWORK.</p> <p>Physical therapy, like many disciplines within health care, is often a calling for the strongest professionals. It's fueled by a compelling desire to make the lives of others better. Physical therapy has long been a critical component to effective health care, because movement is essential to human well-being.</p> <p>Like most programs, our Doctor of Physical Therapy is a three-year program. There is a heavy emphasis on the sciences so that you have the foundational knowledge you need to make evidence-based clinical decisions for your patients and their families. You will work in a variety of clinical settings to ensure that you have the broadest experience possible to help you find your ultimate calling.</p> <p>There are three aspects to our program that will define your experience here:</p> <p>* You will learn and work as part of a team. Health care, today, is more and more delivered by teams of professionals from different disciplines working in collaboration. This is how you will learn at Samford. You will work in collaboration with people from different programs, from nursing to pharmacy, nutrition to kinesiology.</p> <p>* You will learn using the most advanced technology. Lectures, labs and clinical experiences will utilize apps for education and support while providing care. You'll leave our program prepared to use current and developing technologies to work with your patients in your professional environment.</p> <p>* Service is central to everything we do. We believe that we are all called to serve, to use our skills and knowledge to make the lives of people better in communities and home and around the world.</p> <p>Our mission is to help you become a life-long learner to help you develop the knowledge, skills and experience you need to effectively answer the calling of your life. Your knowledge will be grounded in science, and your motivations powered by compassion.</p> <p>Effective May 2, 2018, Samford University has been granted Full Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314, phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org).</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
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
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is non-refundable and is credited to the first semester tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$104000
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$104000
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	38
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	36
% Male	37%
% Female	63%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes

Admission Requirements	
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	Samford University requires a supplemental application. The link to this application will be sent once the PTCAS application has been submitted.
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	1688
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	10/25/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/25/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past 5 years with minimum scores: Preferred score: Combined 297 Submit Scores to PTCAS, Samford Code: 1688
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type not accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type not accepted
Professor	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type not accepted
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 not accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type not 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	Three letters of reference are required. The three required references should be from: 1) Current or previous professor, 2) Work supervisor and 3) A physical therapist.
Information about your PT requirements	The program expects to see applicants spend at least a day and a half (10 hours) in 3 different settings, observing diverse patient populations (total = 30 hours +). An example of this would be 3 half days in a children's hospital outpatient center; 1 and 1/2 days in skilled nursing facility; 1 long day with a PT seeing patients with sports injuries in the clinic, then also on the athletic field later in the evening. The goal of these 30 hours should be to observe the most different practice settings so that the applicant can reflect on the different roles a PT professional can serve.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	30
Paid	Not Accepted
Volunteer	Required
Inpatient	Required
Outpatient	Required
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.50

Admission Requirements	
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.50
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
CanadianTranscriptsDictionary	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	Foreign transcript evaluation and English translation is required. Please visit the PTCAS website to determine which transcript evaluation services are accepted. All foreign transcript evaluation reports should be sent directly to PTCAS.

Course Prerequisites	
Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Please note – no course may be used to satisfy more than one pre-requisite.
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.samford.edu/healthprofessions/doctor-of-physical-therapy

Anatomy & Physiology I	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Advanced • Biology: Cell • Biology: Embryology • Biology: General • Biology: General I • Biology: General II • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Molecular • Biology: Zoology

Biology II	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Advanced • Biology: Cell • Biology: Embryology • Biology: General • Biology: General I • Biology: General II • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Molecular • Biology: Zoology

Chemistry I	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry I • Chemistry: Advanced • Chemistry: Biochemistry • Chemistry: Inorganic • Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry II • Chemistry: Advanced • Chemistry: Biochemistry • Chemistry: Inorganic • Chemistry: Organic

Physics I	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics I

Physics II	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4.0 QS: 6.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics II

Pre-Calculus	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3.0
Acceptable Courses	

Psychology	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Any

Statistics	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3.0 QS: 5.0
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology: Biostatistics Business: Statistics Mathematics: Statistics Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines	
PT program start date for entering class	05/17/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Open House: July 7, 2020 Click here to register: https://www.samford.edu/healthsciences/open-house-events

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