



# Shenandoah University

Program Information	
Program Name	Shenandoah University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1991
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Program Information	
<p>This page is intended for college graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the Early Assurance Program. Do not apply using PTCAS. The Early Assurance Program is not a strict guarantee of matriculation into the DPT program at SU, rather it provides a pathway for exemplary SU undergraduate students that demonstrate high academic prowess and excellent interpersonal and professional skills to be admitted to the DPT program.</p>	
Program Description	<p>Physical Therapy (PT) is a challenging and satisfying profession - one with many career pathways from which to choose. The wide range of clinical settings, the diversity of the patient populations, and the variety of specialty areas provide a vast array of employment and professional growth opportunities for the new graduate. Shenandoah University's (entry-level) Doctor of Physical Therapy professional degree program prepares students for the challenges of the profession and provides an superior foundation for aspiring clinicians and for continued professional development. The Physical Therapy Program at Shenandoah University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) through December 31st, 2028.</p> <p>Applicants to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program must have demonstrated success in academics and have a strong background in the sciences. A demonstration of well-developed problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills and commitment to service is necessary. Those applying to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program should be prepared to work closely with other students in the program, make contributions to the learning process of others and contribute to the enrichment of the curriculum and the profession. The Physical Therapy program is closely affiliated with Valley Health System and with INOVA Health System as part of the expansion of our program to the Scholar Plaza Loudoun (SPL) campus in Loudoun County, VA with the first cohort having entered in the Fall 2014. Both relationships provide extensive clinical opportunities, equipment, space and expert adjunct faculty.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	<p>DPT/MSAT (Doctorate in Physical Therapy/Master of Science in Athletic Training). This dual-degree program is a 3.5 year program and is currently available only to students enrolled at the Winchester Campus. Applicants can visit SU's website at (<a href="https://www.su.edu/athletic-training/dual-degree-doctor-of-physical-therapymaster-of-science-in-athletic-training/">https://www.su.edu/athletic-training/dual-degree-doctor-of-physical-therapymaster-of-science-in-athletic-training/</a>) for more specific information about the program and about applying to the MSAT portion of the program.</p>

Program Information	
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	Yes
Information regarding satellite or branch campus	Shenandoah University's Scholar Plaza Loudoun Campus (SPL) matriculated its first cohort in the Fall of 2014. Currently, there are 20 seats available at this location. SPL cohorts complete all programming and coursework in synchrony with the Winchester Campus cohort. To accomplish this, lecture classes are conducted utilizing Video Teleconferencing (VTC) so that both locations are in class simultaneously and are able to interact between campuses directly during classes. All practical, hands-on laboratory classes (anatomy lab, musculoskeletal therapeutics, neurological therapeutics, biomechanics, physical agents, cardiopulmonary therapeutics) are completed separately at each campus with live, in-person instruction from SUPT faculty and adjunct faculty. Loudoun County is a prominent suburb of the greater Washington DC area and the SPL campus works in conjunction with the INOVA health system in providing expert adjunct faculty and clinical placements for SUPT students.
Institution's Religious Affiliation	United Methodist
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Interviews are completed during December of the admissions cycle. Selected applicants are invited to spend a half day at the respective campus where they are seeking admission (Winchester Campus or Scholar Plaza Loudoun Campus). During the session, applicants will interview with an SUPT faculty member and a current SUPT student. Applicants will also receive a tour of the facilities, and have ample opportunity to meet and speak with current SUPT students outside of their personal interview.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit must be paid by the deadline indicated on acceptance letters from the Graduate Admissions Office to reserve a seat in the upcoming class. Applicants who fail to pay the deposit by their deadline date forfeit their offer of acceptance. Security deposits are credited toward the first semester tuition, but are non-refundable if an applicant declines an offer of acceptance after paying the deposit.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	60
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	62
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	52%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	48%
% Male	33%
% Female	67%
% Asian	11%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%
% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2%

Program Information	
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	82%
% Declining to State	3%
Additional information about the class profile	The program maintains articulation agreements with Bridgewater College (Va.), Ferrum College, James Madison University, Shenandoah University, Virginia Tech University, and West Virginia Wesleyan College and gives preference to applicants who meet the criteria of those agreements. Details of the articulation agreements with each School can be found on the Shenandoah University, Division of Physical Therapy website ( <a href="https://www.su.edu/physical-therapy/admissions/su-dpt-articulation-agreements/">https://www.su.edu/physical-therapy/admissions/su-dpt-articulation-agreements/</a> ).

Admission Requirements	
Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	***ONLY ACCEPTED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS.*** Admitted applicants will be required to supply official copies of all college transcripts to the Shenandoah University Graduate Admissions Office and copies of their immunization records, after payment of security deposit and prior to matriculation. Instructions for submission of these supplemental documents are forwarded to admitted applicants in the Spring 2021 semester. Incoming students are not allowed to attend the required orientation and classes until all official transcripts have been received by the University. Furthermore, students are not allowed to participate in Clinical Education experiences without a complete immunization record and therefore would be unable to meet the requirements for completing the DPT program.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	GRE scores sent to code 1741
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	Official copies of all college transcripts sent to Shenandoah University Graduate Admissions Office after paying the required security deposit and prior to matriculation in August..
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	Immunization records must be sent to the University prior to matriculation in the program in August.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 4	Mandatory attendance for the DPT program orientation August 19-21, 2021. Students must attend orientation to matriculate starting August 24th, 2021
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	08/01/2021
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	1741
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/30/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	09/30/2017
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	The program does not have minimum scores necessary for admission. However, higher GRE scores do improve an applicant's admission profile. GRE test scores can be no more than 3 years old to be acceptable for the current admissions cycle (latest date taken is September 30th, 2017).
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	53
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	43
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	56
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator

Admission Requirements	
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 not accepted
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	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	The program requires two references, one from a Physical Therapist that has supervised the applicant and one from a professor. The program prefers that the professor reference come from a professor that has taught the applicant and is either a science professor or a professor within the applicant's major. References from Faculty Committees are acceptable for the academic professor reference.
Information about your PT requirements	The required observation hours (40hrs) must be completed at the time of application. The program recommends observation hours in multiple settings to include both out-patient and in-patient populations. Amassing observation or paid hours far and above the required minimum do not improve the applicant's admissions profile.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	2.80
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.57
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	2.80
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.50
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	For repeated prerequisite courses, the Program uses the highest grade earned for the prerequisite GPA calculation. The program calculates prerequisite GPAs for applicants based on matching applicant coursework with the appropriate prerequisite. This calculation may differ from the applicant-entered data on PTCAS. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions Coordinator with any questions related to the prerequisite GPAs calculated by the program.
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)

## Admission Requirements

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	English translation required for all original transcripts.

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better (2.0 on 4.0 scale) to be accepted toward fulfilling the requirement. CLEP hours/credits are not accepted for any prerequisite course work. Applicants completing courses on the quarter hour system should be aware of the equivalency of hours for the semester system and convert their quarter hours accordingly to insure that they meet the minimum semester hour requirements. 6 quarter hrs = 4.02 semester hours; 5 quarter hrs = 3.35 semester hours; 4 quarter hrs = 2.68 semester hours; 3 quarter hrs = 2.01 semester hours; 2 quarter hrs = 1.34 semester hours; 1 quarter hr = 0.67 semester hrs.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	<a href="https://www.su.edu/physical-therapy/admissions/requirements/">https://www.su.edu/physical-therapy/admissions/requirements/</a>

## Anatomy

An introductory course sequence of human anatomy and physiology I & II is preferred. An on-site laboratory must be completed to fulfill the lab requirement for anatomy coursework. Comparative, vertebrate and other animal (mammalian) anatomy courses do NOT fulfill the anatomy requirement. Exceptions to this requirement are made on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the applicant demonstrating that their degree-granting institution does not offer human anatomy. Advanced placement (AP) credits are NOT acceptable toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Biology / Biological Science

An 8 credit course sequence (including lab components) that provides an introduction to the chemical basis of life, cell biology, heredity and general biological principles is acceptable. Upper level biology courses with a laboratory component are also acceptable. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Comparative</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neuroanatomy</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: Embryology</li> <li>• Biology: General</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> <li>• Biology: General II</li> <li>• Biology: Genetics</li> <li>• Biology: Histology</li> <li>• Biology: Immunology</li> <li>• Biology: Microbiology</li> <li>• Biology: Molecular</li> <li>• Biology: Zoology</li> <li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li> </ul>

## Biology / Biological Science

This is the second of 2 biology/biological science courses required. The second course in an 8-credit course sequence (including lab components) that provides an introduction to the chemical basis of life, cell biology, heredity and general biological principles is acceptable. Upper level biology courses with a laboratory component are also acceptable. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Comparative</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neuroanatomy</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: Embryology</li> <li>• Biology: General</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> <li>• Biology: General II</li> <li>• Biology: Genetics</li> <li>• Biology: Histology</li> <li>• Biology: Immunology</li> <li>• Biology: Microbiology</li> <li>• Biology: Molecular</li> <li>• Biology: Zoology</li> <li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li> </ul>

## Chemistry

This is 1 of 2 chemistry courses required. An introductory 8-credit course sequence with lab components that provides inorganic (general), organic or biochemistry is acceptable for fulfilling both parts of this requirement. A 4-credit course with lab in inorganic, organic, analytical, physical or biochemistry is also acceptable. Advanced Placement (AP) hours are NOT accepted toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry I</li> <li>• Chemistry II</li> <li>• Chemistry: Advanced</li> <li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li> <li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li> <li>• Chemistry: Organic</li> </ul>

## Chemistry

This is 2 of 2 chemistry courses required. The second half of an introductory 8-credit course sequence with lab components that provides inorganic (general), organic or biochemistry is acceptable for fulfilling this requirement. A 4-credit course with lab in inorganic, organic, analytical, physical or biochemistry is also acceptable. Advanced Placement (AP) hours are NOT accepted toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry I</li> <li>• Chemistry II</li> <li>• Chemistry: Advanced</li> <li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li> <li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li> <li>• Chemistry: Organic</li> </ul>

## Physics

This is 1 of 2 physics courses required. An introductory 8-credit course sequence with lab components of non-calculus based physics with an emphasis on mechanics, electricity, heat, light and sound is required and fulfills both parts of this requirement. Calculus based physics courses are also acceptable. Kinesiology and Biomechanics do NOT fulfill this requirement. Advanced Placement (AP) hours are NOT accepted toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical Chemistry</li> <li>• Physical Chemistry</li> <li>• Physics I</li> <li>• Physics II</li> <li>• Physics: General</li> </ul>

## Physics

This is the second of 2 physics courses required. The second half of an introductory 8-credit course sequence with lab components of non-calculus based physics with an emphasis on mechanics, electricity, heat, light and sound fulfills this requirement. Calculus based physics courses are also acceptable. Kinesiology and Biomechanics do NOT fulfill this requirement. Advanced Placement (AP) hours are NOT accepted toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical Chemistry</li> <li>• Physical Chemistry</li> <li>• Physics I</li> <li>• Physics II</li> <li>• Physics: General</li> </ul>

## Physiology

An introductory course sequence of human anatomy and physiology I & II or a separate human physiology course is acceptable. An on-site laboratory is strongly recommended to fulfill the lab requirement for physiology coursework. Exercise physiology does NOT fulfill this requirement. Comparative, vertebrate and other animal (mammalian) physiology courses do NOT fulfill the physiology requirement. Exceptions to this requirement are made on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the applicant demonstrating that their degree-granting institution does not offer human physiology. Advanced placement (AP) credits are NOT acceptable toward fulfilling this requirement. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: Pathophysiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Psychology

Psychology courses related to health, wellness, neuropsychology, development, lifespan, psychology of disease and rehabilitation are preferred. Psychology of Sport does NOT fulfill this requirement. Other psychology courses not listed may be accepted at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li> <li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li> <li>• Psychology: Advanced</li> <li>• Psychology: Child</li> <li>• Psychology: Developmental</li> <li>• Psychology: General</li> <li>• Psychology: General I</li> <li>• Psychology: General II</li> <li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li> <li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Psychopathology</li> <li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Psychology: Social</li> </ul>



## Social/Behavioral Science

A sociology course or an additional psychology course is acceptable for fulfilling this requirement. Courses not listed below may be accepted for this requirement at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li> <li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li> <li>• Psychology: Advanced</li> <li>• Psychology: Child</li> <li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li> <li>• Psychology: Developmental</li> <li>• Psychology: General</li> <li>• Psychology: General II</li> <li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li> <li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Psychology: Social</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology</li> <li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies</li> </ul>

## Statistics

An introduction to statistics course is acceptable. Other specific statistics courses as listed below are acceptable. Other statistics courses not listed may be deemed acceptable at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the PT admissions committee, if the applicant is able to provide documentation of functional use of the material.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
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	08/23/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Prospective students are strongly encouraged to submit their application as early as possible in the admissions cycle so that all materials can be verified by PTCAS in time to meet our deadline for selection of applicants for on-site interviews. On-site interviews take place in December 2020, exact dates TBD. Accepted applicants are required to attend the mandatory program orientation scheduled for Aug 19-21, 2021.

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