



Program Information

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General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

This page is intended for college graduates only. We DO NOT accept transfer students from other graduate DPT programs. High school students and transfer students from undergraduate institutions must contact the Simmons Office of Undergraduate Admission at 617-521-2051 for information about the freshman/transfer entry options.

Program Description	<p>The Simmons DPT Program provides a strong foundation in evidence-based clinical practice and prepares students to become dynamic leaders in the profession. This three-year, full-time program is designed for men and women who have a college degree from another regionally accredited U.S. college or university or a post-secondary institution abroad which is recognized by the Ministry of Education in the home country.</p> <p>Our real-world approach to teaching engages students as they develop professionally and academically. All of our clinical courses, starting with the fall semester of the first year, have 4 important components: lecture, skills laboratory, small group discussion (tutorial), and one day per week of integrated clinical experience (ICE). The program includes 36 weeks of full-time clinical education experiences, during the three years. Because doctoral-level practice requires an understanding of clinical research, students collaborate with faculty to either complete an independent research project or a systematic review, a comprehensive critical analysis of the evidence on a topic of their choice. DPT students attend classes both at Simmons and at Harvard Medical School, located one block away. In addition, more than 200 nationwide health care sites provide a wide of range of clinical education experience and valuable professional connections.</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
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$750
Additional Information about Deposit	Deposit is non-refundable
Deposit Refundable?	No
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	43
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	46
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	46%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	54%

Admission Requirements

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

Admission Requirements

Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	For F-1 visa holders: Certification of Finances Form (request from Simmons), bank statement, and letter from sponsor indicating willingness and ability to pay all educational costs.
Is GRE Required?	No
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	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
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	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	* References must be dated within 6 months of the application deadline.
Information about your PT requirements	* A licensed PT must verify hours using the PTCAS format. Time sheets are not acceptable. * If an applicant is completing final required hours of observation in spring 2024 before the Simmons program begins in June, written documentation from a licensed PT MUST be received at the Office of Admission no later than May 1, 2024. *Due to COVID-19, telehealth observation hours will be accepted for the Summer 2024 application cycle. Additionally, for any student who is unable to document a minimum of 30 observation hours by May 1 can submit a brief essay addressing the below prompts. This should be no longer than 500 words and can be emailed to snhs@simmons.edu. **One of the reasons we require observation hours is for students to obtain a better understanding of the breadth of physical therapy. This will hopefully help you to gain some of this knowledge. In lieu of observation hours, please: 1) Reflect about why you desire to become a PT; 2) Research the various types of practice a PT can engage in, and describe the similarities and differences between at least 3 different practice settings. (This does not mean three different outpatient clinics.) Please provide references and working links to Web sites for your research; 3) Write a short paragraph about 2 things you didn't know about physical therapy or what PTs do.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed Physical Therapist (PT) must verify hours w/signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	30
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.55
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.54

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's GPA requirements	* Both the prerequisite and overall GPA calculations, as calculated/verified by the Office of Admission, will include repeated/failed courses. * A maximum of two prerequisite courses may be retaken once, regardless of grades earned and whether or not the courses were re-taken at the same institution or at another institution. Course titles may differ, but if content is the same, it is considered a repeat. * Applicants can apply with two outstanding prerequisite courses, to be completed in spring 2024, at the time of application. *Applicants should have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in their overall and prerequisite courses at the time of application.
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	<p>* Send original foreign transcripts directly to the Office of Admission. * For applicants who have earned a degree abroad, end of year marks/ grades for each year of attendance, not just the final exam results are required. A transcript in the original language and an official English translation is required for all coursework completed in countries where English is not the native language. Such translations cannot be completed by the student, family member or friend. An evaluation from a recognized evaluation agency may also be required but does not replace official transcripts. The degree must have been earned at post-secondary institution abroad which is recognized by the Ministry of Education in the home country * REQUIRED TOEFL SCORES: * 570 for paper-based, 88 for internet-based and 230 for computer based, taken within two years prior to application deadline. No other English proficiency exam is accepted. ETS must send official scores directly to the Office of Admission. * TOEFL does not replace GRE. TOEFL is waived if the applicant will have or has earned either a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or an equivalent degree from a post-secondary institution abroad which is recognized by the Ministry of Education in the home country of English speaking countries. The PTCAS TOEFL code 5312.</p> <p>*Applicants can also submit IELTS or Duolingo in the place of the TOEFL exam.</p>

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Candidates can apply with two outstanding prerequisite courses to be taken in the Spring 2024 semester. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within ten years prior to the application deadline.
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.simmons.edu/graduate/admission/how-apply/physical-therapy-dpt

Anatomy & Physiology I

Studies basic organ system function in vertebrates and selected invertebrates underlying principles of integration of: cardiovascular, respiratory, excretory, digestive, reproductive, nervous, and endocrine function in animals. This includes lecture and lab sessions with animal dissection.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

Introduces structural relationships and functional integration of major systems of the human body, with emphasis on: reproductive, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, and defense systems. Laboratory includes: histology, gross anatomy, and physiological experiments. Animal dissection is required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Animal• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

Introduces structural relationships and functional integration of major systems of the human body, with emphasis on reproductive, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, and defense systems. Laboratory includes histology, gross anatomy, and physiological experiments. Animal dissection is required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: Histology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Zoology

Chemistry I

Covers basic concepts with special reference to inorganic compounds including: chemical equations, the Periodic Table, chemical bonding, and equilibrium. Assumes no previous knowledge of the subject or Sophisticated background in mathematics. Laboratory correlates with and amplifies the lecture material and presents fundamental laboratory techniques, including instrumental methods.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry: Inorganic

Chemistry II

Covers fundamental concepts of atomic structure, hybridization, molecular orbitals, and structure of organic molecules. Surveys functional groups, classes of organic compounds, and their reactions. Provides in-depth mechanistic study of those reactions involving: energies, stereochemistry, equilibrium, and reaction rate theory.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry: Organic

Exercise Physiology

Studies the physiological and adaptive responses of the human body to acute and chronic exercise stress. Examines how exercise affects major organ systems across the spectrum of healthy and unhealthy populations.

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

Physics I

Teaches the fundamentals of physics for students with preparation in algebra and trigonometry. Topics drawn from: mechanics, electricity and magnetism, heat, waves, sound, optics, and modern physics.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics II

Concentrates on the subjects of mechanics, electricity, and magnetism and on the concepts of: particle and field, motion, mass, force, energy, and momentum. Additional material drawn from kinetic theory, heat, and thermodynamics.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Psychology

1 of 2 courses in psychology required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Any• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports

Psychology

2 of 2 courses in psychology required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Any• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports

Statistics

Covers elementary principles of: probability, binomial and normal distributions, sample statistics, estimation and testing of statistical hypotheses, linear regression and correlation.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/29/2024
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	November 15, 2023
Deadline Type	Priority Deadline
Application close date	May 1, 2024
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>* All application materials must be submitted to PTCAS and/or the CNBHS Office of Admission no later than November 15, 2023 for consideration for entry to summer 2024.</p> <p>* All supporting materials, including official transcripts must have been received by PTCAS by the deadline. Applicants must submit to the Office of Admission a copy of their grade report for the fall term since final official transcripts will not be available until after the application deadline. The submission of this grade report after the deadline date will not make the application late.</p> <p>* Only on-time and complete applications will be considered for scholarships.</p> <p>* There is no guarantee that late applications will be accepted or reviewed.</p> <p>*All applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their overall and prerequisite courses at the time of application.</p>

Program Contacts

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