



South College – Knoxville

Program Information	
Program Name	South College – Knoxville
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

MISSION

The mission of the South College Doctor of Physical Therapy program is to provide an innovative, career-focused education that develops Doctors of Physical Therapy who are highly skilled, mindful, and empathetic care providers.

They should also be passionate lifelong learners, servant leaders in their local community, and are highly engaged in their professional and broader health care communities. Graduates will be equipped to deliver exemplary care in a multidisciplinary, team-oriented, and value-based healthcare environment.

PHILOSOPHY

The School of Physical Therapy is committed to the development of future Doctors of Physical Therapy, ready to meet the demands of clinical practice in the 21st century with exemplary entry-level skills, marked professionalism, and compassion.

The DPT program is designed for the delivery of a contemporary and evidence-based curriculum using faculty and contributors that are dedicated educators, clinicians, researchers, and leaders in the physical therapy profession. Faculty and contributors facilitate student learning and professional growth with student-centered active learning experiences, modeled clinical and scholarly excellence and steadfast professionalism. Using a blended learning model, our curriculum combines the best aspects of online learning activities and interactions, hands-on laboratory intensive sessions, and collaborative clinical education experiences into an innovative and dynamic learning experience. In so doing, we will transform physical therapy education, improve scalability and access to DPT education, increase flexibility for traditional and nontraditional learners, increase the level of active learning in courses, and seek to achieve quality student experiences and outcomes. Our graduates will be prepared for skillful, mindful and compassionate clinical practice, lifelong learning and professional development, and selfless service to their community and profession.

Program Goals

- **Goal 1:** Demonstrate a commitment to service and leadership in the institution, the community, and the profession.
- **Goal 2:** Enroll diverse students who are representative of local, regional, and U.S. population demographics.
- **Goal 3:** Efficiently develop competent career-focused physical therapists through engaging and effective academic and clinical learning experiences.

Faculty Goals

- **Goal 4:** Role model servant leadership and professional responsibility to the institution, the community, and professional organizations.
- **Goal 5:** Integrate engaging and effective teaching strategies and technologies that support the program's mission, enhance student learning, and optimize outcomes.
- **Goal 6:** The collective faculty demonstrate commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and clinical practice.

Student/Graduate Goals

- **Goal 7:** Demonstrate a commitment to evidence-based practice and professional growth through lifelong learning, critical inquiry, and mindful practice.
- **Goal 8:** Function in a professional, caring, ethical, and culturally competent manner, with a demonstrated advocacy towards the patient, community, and profession.

South College seeks to make available all online programs/courses to residents of Tennessee and other states, and to allow completion of required clinical or practical experiences in those states. We work through the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) process and with states directly to ensure that when authorization or licensure is necessary, required approvals are secured. Tennessee is a member of SARA and South College is an approved SARA institution. As such, we adhere to a set of national standards for interstate offering of post-secondary distance education courses and programs. SARA also covers all interstate placements in clinical or practical situations among SARA member states, no matter the nature of the main program. However, not all states are SARA members. While we do monitor the laws in each state, authorization of distance education is a dynamic environment and prospective students should check this site often for updates. It is the student's responsibility to understand current circumstances or special requirements in their state of residence. Please check the South College website for current information on authorization information for all states.

Program Description

Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	DPT/MBA for those eligible. Must meet all minimum requirements and be approved by DPT Faculty Coach and Program Director.
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

Program Information

Additional information about interviews	Web-based interviews will be conducted so travel to campus is not required. Applicants must have access to a computer with internet, webcam, and microphone capabilities for the interview process.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1500
Additional Information about Deposit	Deposit due within 10 days of offer. This non-refundable deposit will be applied directly toward your tuition and fees when matriculating into the program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$96695
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$96695
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	100
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	97

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$60
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	***ALL applicants are required to complete the supplemental application which can be found through the link provided below.*** This is SEPARATE from any supplemental materials (e.g., medical examination, immunization records, etc.) that the program will request from applicants selected for admission to the program.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Background Check
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	BLS for Healthcare Providers Certification Card
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	Immunization Records
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 4	Medical examination
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 5	Proof of health insurance
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Start/0fd6a9cd-1355-49b2-a7f4-a236ea629bc3
Is GRE Required?	Optional

Admission Requirements

Program's PTCAS GRE code	7521
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
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 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	One recommendation letter MUST be from an Academic Advisor, Professor/Instructor, or Employer/Supervisor.
Information about your PT requirements	With regard to observation hours, only time specifically spent observing with a licensed PT can be utilized. Time spent in practice as a PTA is counted separately as related work experience.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	50
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	- Grades below "C-" in prerequisite courses will not be accepted. - If a prerequisite course is repeated, the credit hours assigned to the course may be counted only once in fulfilling the required number of hours. The prerequisite GPA will be determined using the highest course grade achieved; however, both grades will be calculated into the cumulative GPA. - If cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, an applicant may still be eligible for admission if a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or greater has been achieved over the last 60 semester or 90 quarter hour credits of coursework.
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

Admission Requirements

Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Due to the way that our program is classified according to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, our students are not eligible for educational visas. Accordingly, we are only able to admit applicants who are either U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
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	https://www.south.edu/programs/doctor-physical-therapy/admissions/

Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted

Coursework older than 5 years at cohort start date not accepted. May request a waiver if ongoing work experiences demonstrate currency in this course content (e.g. physical therapist assistant, athletic trainer, etc.). **Intro courses and Functional Anatomy are not accepted** Please contact the Admissions Coordinator for specific questions.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II

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Biology I

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• A&P: Neuroanatomy• A&P: Neurophysiology• A&P: Pathophysiology• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Biology II

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• A&P: Neuroanatomy• A&P: Neurophysiology• A&P: Pathophysiology• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• 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 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

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

English Composition / Writing

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Composition• English Composition I• English Composition II• Technical Writing• Writing

Physics I

Calculus or non-calculus based physics courses accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics II

Calculus or non-calculus based physics courses accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Psychology

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Any

Psychology

Second psychology course MUST be an upper level course. Freshmen level courses will not be accepted. Course codes 200 or above. A Sociology course code 200 or above will also be accepted for this.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Advanced• Social/Behavioral Science: Any• Sociology

Statistics

A calculus or non-calculus based statistics course is accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Biostatistics• Business: Statistics• Mathematics: Statistics• Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	01/02/2024
Multiple start dates?	Yes
Program's additional start date for PTCAS applicants applying in the 2019-20 admissions cycle	06/26/2024
PTCAS application deadline	November 15, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	This application cycle is for two cohorts. One beginning January 2, 2024 and one beginning June 26, 2024. The deadline for the January start date is November 15, 2023 and the deadline for the June start date is May 15, 2024.

Program Contacts

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