



Program Information

Program Name	Southwest Baptist University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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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 Information

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Healing Mission (Rev. 11.26.18): Preparing future doctors of physical therapy to deliver care in a global society while integrating Christian faith.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students enter the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in August of each year and continue through the program for 33 months straight until graduation in May of the third year.

The curriculum starts with and builds upon the foundational sciences progressing to clinical application in order to achieve the mission and goals of the program. The sequencing of courses and clinical experiences are arranged to challenge and develop independent, critical thinkers who recognize the value of physical therapy and who can communicate effectively to a variety of stakeholders. Students engage in the professional practice expectations on a diverse patient and client population throughout the lifespan. The faculty nurture and mentor students promoting personal, professional and spiritual growth.

The first two years are made up of lectures, labs, and regular weekly interaction with either our faculty practice clinic or other clinics in our community. The third year, August-May, is made up of four 8-9 week clinical rotations that can be fulfilled nationwide in any of 650+ sites with whom we have contracts. Clinical rotations, at the minimum, will include one acute care hospital based experience, one outpatient orthopedic experience, and one adult neuro-rehabilitation experience.

FACULTY

There are thirteen full-time faculty positions currently filled. Eight of the core and part-time faculty are certified as clinical specialists by ABPTS (4 Orthopaedic, 1 Neurology, 1 Geriatric, 1 Pediatric, 1 Cardiopulmonary) with one holding a prestigious fellow status by AAOMPT and one Sports Clinical Specialist Emeritus. Eight are engaged in clinical practice to some degree. The full time faculty to student ratio is 1:20.

ENROLLMENT

The program accepts up to 80 physical therapy students in each class for a maximum total of 240 students.

STUDENT LIFE

Our program has an active local chapter of the SPTA and a local service organization called Move Forward Bolivar. Through these two student-led groups, students have the opportunity to earn additional credentials and certifications prior to graduating, serve our local community, and be a part of our Go Baby Go initiative for children with developmental delays.

SBU is located in Bolivar, Missouri, a town of 10,500 people with a low crime rate, low cost of living and strong community values. Located in the heart of southwest Missouri, Bolivar is just 30 minutes north of Springfield, 2 1/2 hours south of Kansas City, and 3 1/2 hours west of St. Louis.

FAITH INTEGRATION

International service learning opportunities are a unique component available through the physical therapy program at SBU. The Global Health Outreach initiative allows you the opportunity to utilize your physical therapy skills while making a difference around the world. Trips involve current DPT students from multiple years of the program, SBU DPT alumni and faculty.

As part of a Global Health Outreach trip, you will practice both your new professional skills and your Christian faith as you help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people in need around the world. Team members work to raise funds needed to cover travel and participation expenses for the trip. SBU DPT students have served around the world in resource-poor communities in places such as India, Venezuela, El Salvador, Brazil, Haiti, Zambia and Peru.

TUITION AND FEES

See a current listing of our tuition and fees on our website at www.sbuniv.edu/pt.

OUTCOMES

Results over the past two years:

Graduation rate is 97% (2018=94%; 2019=99%)

Ultimate licensure exam pass rate is 94% (2018=96%; 2019=91%)

Employment rate within one year of graduation for those passing licensure examination is 100% (2018=100%; 2019=100%)

Acceptance rate into program is 50% (2018=53%; 2019=46%)

Average number of complete applications received per cycle is 291 (2018=291; 2019=291)

Average number of qualified applications received per cycle is 213 (2018=218; 2019=207)

(This information was last updated November 2019.)

Program Description

Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?

Yes

Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree

DPT/MBA

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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	Southern Baptist
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	Two non-refundable \$500 deposits, applied toward tuition, are due upon acceptance into the program and June 1st.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/20/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$106983
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$106983
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	80
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	80
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	43%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	56%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S/non-Canadian) applicants accepted	1%
% Male	51%
% Female	49%
% Hispanic	1%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	3%
% Asian	3%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	3%

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% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	89%
% Two or More Races	1%
Additional information about the class profile	The program gives preference points to applicants who will graduate with a bachelor's degree and maintain the articulation requirements from the following undergraduate institutions: * Anderson University (IN) * Avila University * Belhaven University * Bethel University (IN) * Central Methodist University * College of the Ozarks * Drury University * Evangel University * Grace College (IN) * Hannibal-LaGrange University * Indiana Wesleyan University * John Brown University * MidAmerican Nazarene University * Missouri Baptist University * Oklahoma Baptist University * Oklahoma Wesleyan University * Oral Roberts University * Ouachita Baptist University * Pensacola Christian College * Southern Nazarene University * Sterling College * Tabor College * Union University * William Jewell College * Williams Baptist University

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	8344
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	148
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	41
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	37
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor in Major	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not 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	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	The program requires three references: one from a Physical Therapist, one from a Professor, and a third reference is preferred from a member of clergy, but may also be another healthcare-related or academic reference.

Admission Requirements

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	40
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	03/01/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Required
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	2.75
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.53
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.43
MINIMUM GPA Overall GPA for articulation school preference points	3.00
MINIMUM GPA Overall program-specific prerequisite GPA fro articulation school preference points	3.25
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	The program uses the highest grade earned in a prerequisite GPA calculation, if course was repeated. The applicant must earn a minimum of a "C" for each individual prerequisite course required. A separate repeated prerequisite course penalty will be applied. The program uses a "worst-case scenario" calculation for the prerequisite GPA in which a "C" grade is use for any current and/or uncompleted prerequisite courses needed by an applicant until each course is completed and updated.
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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	International students are required on the TOEFL to earn a 79 on the internet-based test (IBT) or a 213 on the computer-based test (CBT) to meet SBU requirements.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	The program requires that all prerequisite course are completed before August 1st of the entering year and entrance to the program. It should be noted that Exercise Physiology is strongly encouraged and may become a prerequisite in future cycles. Students who do not take Exercise Physiology with a B or higher prior to entering SBU's program will be required to take the course as part of their graduate education.
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.sbuniv.edu/academics/graduate/dpt/

Anatomy & Physiology I

Anatomy and Physiology must be taken in sequence (Anatomy and Physiology I & II) or one semester each of Anatomy and Physiology from a Science-based department, each with lab. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Anatomy & Physiology II

Anatomy and Physiology must be taken in sequence (Anatomy and Physiology I & II) or one semester each of Anatomy and Physiology from a Science-based department, each with lab. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Biology I

General Biology I or II. Must have lab component. General Zoology may also be substituted (prior approval not required). Upper level human- or animal-based biology course(s) containing appropriate content for PT may be substituted pending approval. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Zoology

Chemistry I

Chemistry I and II must be taken in sequence, each with a lab component. 8 hour minimum requirement. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry II

Chemistry I and II must be taken in sequence, each with a lab component. 8 hour minimum requirement. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Medical Terminology

One medical terminology course is required with a B or higher. NOTE: This course is NOT included in the prerequisite GPA calculation.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 1
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology

Physics I

Physics I and II must be taken in sequence, each with a lab component. 8 hour minimum requirement. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Physics II

Physics I and II must be taken in sequence, each with a lab component. 8 hour minimum requirement. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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 required.

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

Psychology

One course. Either Abnormal Psychology or Life Span Developmental Psychology (emphasis on development over full human life span) Required. In the future (2021-2022 cycle), both of these courses will be required.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Abnormal Psychology: Developmental Psychology: Growth & Development Psychology: Life Span Development

Statistics

Statistics courses from an Exercise Science/Kinesiology department may require a syllabus to be submitted for approval.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/16/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Mar 01 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants could hear of a decision as early as a month after submitting their application, but due to the rolling admissions process it may be until the end of the cycle before a firm decision is made. Applicants are encouraged to communicate with our admissions office for more specific updates on their application status.

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