



Program Information

Program Name	University of Alabama at Birmingham
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1964
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>The mission of The University of Alabama at Birmingham's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is to prepare physical therapists who are evidence-based practitioners with the skills, knowledge and behaviors to deliver value-based physical therapy services, consultation, education, critical inquiry and administration, with a primary focus on clinical practice involving diverse populations</p> <p>Satisfactory performance in the experiences provided in the UAB DPT Program prepares the student (graduate) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver value-based and consumer-centered patient/client management to diverse populations to optimize movement, function and health. 2. Abide by national and state regulatory and legal standards and adhere to the core values and ethical principles adopted by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). 3. Engage in inter-professional collaborative practice by effectively educating, communicating and partnering with consumers, peers, other healthcare and non-healthcare providers, regulatory agencies, third-party payers, and other stakeholders. 4. Critically appraise the literature and other resources to guide evidence-based physical therapy practice. 5. Influence the ever-changing health care landscape through personal leadership, advocacy, life-long learning in the clinic, community, professional organizations and society.
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
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
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	Each accepted student must pay the non-refundable deposit, which will be credited to the student's tuition for the DPT program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	02/06/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	50
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	54
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	71%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	29%
% Male	48%
% Female	52%
% Asian	2%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	17%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	81%

Admission Requirements	
Supplemental FEE required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	If accepted to the UAB DPT program, the applicant must complete a graduate school supplemental application, to include a fee of \$50. Supplemental materials apply only to accepted students.

Admission Requirements	
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Background Check and Drug Screen
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	Final Transcripts & Proof of Graduation
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	Financial Aid Forms
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 4	Health History Form
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 5	Immunization Forms
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	12/31/2021
Is GRE Required?	No
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
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	Evaluator type not 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	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	* Due to the circumstances surrounding the impact of COVID-19, the requirements for the letters of recommendation have changed for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle: Letter 1: Written by a professor with whom the applicant had significant interaction in an academic setting - this does NOT have to be a professor in the major. Letters 2 & 3: Written by an individual with whom the applicant had interaction in a professional setting. * The individual must be able to assess the applicant's qualities as defined in the PTCAS recommendation form (e.g. Critical Thinking, Empathy, Ethics, Interpersonal Skills, Leadership, Oral Communication, Professional Demeanor, Response to Criticism, Responsibility, Stress Management, Team Skills, Time Management, Written Communication). * The program recommends that the letters be completed by licensed physical therapists. However, this is not required for the 2020-2021 application cycle."
Information about your PT requirements	* The UAB DPT Program recognizes that due to COVID-19, applicants might have difficulty completing the required 40 hours of observation with a licensed physical therapist. * Therefore, we are waiving this requirement for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle and lack of observation hours will not negatively affect the application. * However, the program will accept evidence of observation hours and consider this in the application review process.
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 RECOMMENDED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	11/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements	
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.68
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.69
MINIMUM GPA Last 60 hours GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Last 60 hours GPA	3.67
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	<p>* If a course is repeated, the average of the attempts will be used for the calculation of the overall GPA. For calculation of the prerequisite GPA, we will use the higher of the 2 grades, if taken twice. If a course is taken more than twice, grades will be averaged for the prerequisite GPA. * The UAB Doctor of Physical Therapy Program recognizes students across many institutions were offered the pass/fail option due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 altered education experience. * An applicant's choice of pass/fail for a prerequisite or other course will not negatively affect the application. * UAB DPT admissions follows the PTCAS policy: for "pass" classes, the student receives credit for the course, but that course is not factored into their GPA. * For "fail" classes, the student does not get credit for the class and the class factors into their GPA as a failed class. * Students are encouraged to make decisions that work best for their situation.</p>
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended)
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Do not send any foreign documentation. PT program only considers U.S. courses
Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?	No
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Canadian citizens
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	<p>Foreign applicants who have undergraduate degrees from regionally accredited universities in the United States may be eligible. Canadian citizens must have a degree from an University that is accredited by an acceptable United States accrediting body. Please contact the UAB Department of Physical Therapy directly for more information.</p>

Course Prerequisites	
Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	<p>* To be eligible for the program, you must have at least 75% of prerequisite course hours completed by the end of the fall semester, 2020 (i.e. 38/51 credit hours). There are no exceptions to this requirement. * The UAB Doctor of Physical Therapy Program recognizes students across many institutions were offered the pass/fail option due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 altered education experience. * An applicant's choice of pass/fail for a prerequisite or other course will not negatively affect the application. * UAB DPT admissions follows the PTCAS policy: for "pass" classes, the student receives credit for the course, but that course is not factored into their GPA. * For "fail" classes, the student does not get credit for the class and the class factors into their GPA as a failed class. Students are encouraged to make decisions that work best for their situation.</p>
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	http://www.uab.edu/shp/pt/dpt/admissions

Biology / Biological Science

Biology prerequisite must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not 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: Comparative• 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• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Biology I

Biology prerequisite must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Biology II

Biology prerequisite must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry I

Chemistry prerequisites must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry II

Chemistry prerequisites must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

English Composition / Writing

1 of 2 English composition/writing courses required.

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

English Composition / Writing

2 of 2 English composition/writing courses required.

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

Math

We will accept pre-calculus with trigonometry.

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

Medical Terminology

The medical terminology course may be an online course but must be from a regionally accredited community college or university. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 1-3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology

Physics I

Physics prerequisites must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 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 II

Physics prerequisites must be for science majors. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physiology

The physiology course prerequisite MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department. Coursework older than 10 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: Comparative• A&P: Exercise Physiology• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Psychology

1 of 2 psychology courses required.

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

Psychology

2 of 2 psychology courses required.

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

Statistics

Business statistics may be accepted on a case by case basis. Please send the syllabus to Betsy Moore for review (becol@uab.edu).

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	01/10/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>Admissions Timeline:</p> <p>July 3-November 1, 2020: Complete PTCAS application</p> <p>January 15 & January 22, 2021: Interviews (invited applicants must attend a Virtual interview). Due to the impact of COVID-19 the DPT interview process will occur virtually on Jan 15th and Jan 22nd for the 2020-2021 admissions application cycle. The UAB traditional in person interview process will not be available for this application cycle. Further detailed instructions will be provided to the applicants if they are selected for the interview process.</p> <p>April 2021: Admission decisions finalized and students notified</p> <p>January 10, 2022: Program begins</p> <p>Due to the restrictions on testing centers at this time, the UAB DPT Program will not require the GRE in the admissions decisions for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle.</p>

Program Contacts

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