



Program Information

Program Name	University of Iowa
General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Description	<p>The nationally ranked University of Iowa Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) is located in the Carver College of Medicine on the University of Iowa Health Sciences Campus. The PTRS department aims to advance the health of humankind by preparing physical therapists who commit to excellence in practice, who strive to discover new knowledge and who serve in leadership roles in healthcare and science.</p> <p>Innovative learning experiences are associated with a medical college environment which includes the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, one of the nation's largest university-owned teaching hospitals. Students have access to a faculty which includes expert clinicians and internationally renowned scientists. The small class size (~45 students are enrolled per year) allows for an excellent student to faculty ratio; promoting students as valued colleagues and future leaders of the profession.</p> <p>The department is well equipped for classroom and laboratory instruction in a modern facility in the heart of the medical campus. While most courses in the curriculum are just for the DPT degree students, there are opportunities to study with medical and other health care students, specifically in pathology, neuroanatomy, and several interprofessional healthcare courses. The latter courses provide opportunities for collaborative teamwork among 9 disciplines (RN, PT, MD, PA, PH, DDS, PharmD, SLP, MSW).</p> <p>Clinical education is a very important part of our curriculum. Students begin integrated clinical experiences during their first semester and continue throughout the curriculum. Outstanding clinical education opportunities are available for students in a variety of settings and locations.</p> <p>Over the last 10 years, 99.7% of our graduates passed the national licensure exam on the first attempt and 100% were employed within 6 months.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	We offer the opportunity for highly qualified students to pursue studies in both clinical physical therapy (DPT) and rehabilitation research (PhD). The DPT is the degree required to practice physical therapy, whereas the PhD provides the training to become an independent scientific investigator. The goal of combined studies is to train clinician-scientists who will generate new knowledge as physical therapy researchers at the university level.
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
Additional information about interviews	The majority of our interviews will take place in late October and November.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$600
Additional Information about Deposit	The \$600 advance payment (deposit) is required if admitted into the DPT program to reserve a seat in the class.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Additional Information about Refunds	The \$600 advance payment (deposit) is applied directly to the student's summer tuition.
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	46
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	43
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	65%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	35%
% Male	47%
% Female	53%
% Asian	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	86%
% Two or More Races	12%
Additional information about the class profile	Admission is based on course work, grade-point averages, GRE scores, experience, rationale, recommendations, and interviews.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental fee amount	\$60
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	An application to the Graduate College at The University of Iowa and the supplemental application fee will be required only of applicants who are selected for, and who accept, an invitation for a personal interview. Information on how to apply to the Graduate College will be given to those applicants offered personal interviews.
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7566
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	69
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	157
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	62
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.5
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	74
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	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type 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 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	Three letters of reference are required. One letter must be from a physical therapist that you have volunteered or worked with. The second letter must be from a professor in the applicant's major area of study. The third letter is the applicant's choice.
Information about your PT requirements	Applicants are encouraged to obtain a broad exposure to physical therapy in more than one clinic setting. The suggested minimum of 50 hours would optimally include experience in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Admission Requirements

Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
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
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.75
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.65
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Department uses the most recent grade if a course was repeated.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Matriculation into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is contingent on the completion of a baccalaureate degree and all prerequisite course work from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States of America.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* All science courses must include the appropriate laboratory instruction. * The prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade. * Credit awarded through the AP testing program may be applied to the mathematics requirement only.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Varies
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	https://medicine.uiowa.edu/pt/education/doctor-physical-therapy-dpt-program/admissions

Anatomy

One 3 sh course in human or comparative vertebrate anatomy, preferably with a lab component. A two-course A&P sequence (minimum of 6 sh, with lab preferred), would meet the Anatomy and Physiology requirements.

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

Biology / Biological Science

Advanced course work in biology or zoology (for which an introductory course is prerequisite).

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Biology I

A complete introductory course in principles of general biology or zoology.

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

Biology II

A complete introductory course in principles of general biology or zoology.

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

Chemistry I

A complete introductory course.

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

Chemistry II

A complete introductory course.

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

Math

A college-level mathematics course at the level of trigonometry or higher.

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

Physics I

A complete introductory course.

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

A complete introductory course.

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

Physiology

A systemic human or animal physiology course (with lab would be preferred). A two-course A&P sequence (minimum of 6 sh, with lab preferred, would meet the Anatomy and Physiology requirements).

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3
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: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Psychology

1 of 2 psychology courses required.

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

Psychology

2 of 2 psychology courses required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
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 II• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports

Statistics

A statistical methods course.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
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	07/12/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Sep 15 2020
Deadline Type	Soft
Application close date	Dec 01 2020
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>Applications are accepted beginning in July for entry into the University of Iowa DPT program the following summer. Applicants who apply early and by September 15 will be given priority status in our admissions process, as compared to applicants who apply later. It is to the applicant's benefit to apply as soon as possible after July 1, as the Admissions Committee will begin reviewing applications to select those for interviews starting in August.</p> <p>Our priority application deadline is September 15, mid-application deadline is October 1, and final application deadline is December 1.</p>

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