



## Program Information

Program Name	University of Pittsburgh
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1927
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## Program Information

The Department of Physical Therapy is seeking CAPTE approval to implement further changes to the curriculum and plan of study. The proposed changes would reduce the program length to 7-terms over 2.3 years, and add a new Hybrid DPT program that parallels the residential program. All applicants will be notified and provided with the details of these changes to the curriculum and plan of study if and when the changes are approved by CAPTE.

Program Description	<p>The Department of Physical Therapy offers a full-time professional program leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. <b>Effective December 2019, the time to degree was shortened to 8 terms, 2.6 years.</b> Ranked 1st in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, the University of Pittsburgh Department of Physical Therapy is a highly respected physical therapy program which educates practitioners who lead the way in helping people of all ages to overcome movement, function, and mobility challenges. The program is open to students who have already earned a bachelor's degree.</p> <p>We offer a superior entry-level professional physical therapy program. Our rigorous curriculum includes a comprehensive array of course offerings in musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, integumentary, cardiopulmonary, geriatric, and pediatric physical therapy.</p> <p>Our clinical education program is integrated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and its partner, the UPMC Centers for Rehab Services. We offer placements in various clinical settings, including acute care, pediatrics, geriatrics, short- and long-term rehabilitation, sports medicine, and orthopedics, as well as a variety of clinical specialties, including women's health, neurologic rehabilitation, spine care, balance and vestibular disorders, including concussion management.</p> <p>Graduates of the University of Pittsburgh consistently achieve a near-perfect pass rate on licensing exams and enter the job market with significant internship and clinical experience that sets them apart from other applicants.</p> <p>The DPT program at the University of Pittsburgh is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	DPT/PhD dual degree program with Bioengineering.
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	\$1250
Additional Information about Deposit	We will collect deposits on a rolling basis throughout the application cycle. Each applicant will be given a specific deadline date for their required deposit at the time of acceptance.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	11/13/2020
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	60
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	66
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	47%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	53%
% Male	33%
% Female	67%
% Asian	6%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	90%
% Two or More Races	2%

## 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	7754
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	08/08/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	12/31/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Applicants must request official GRE test scores be sent directly to the University of Pittsburgh (code 7754). Official test scores must be reported in order for the application to be reviewed. Percentile rankings are used to analyze applicant scores. While GRE scores are a required component of the application, we apply a holistic approach to admissions and look at the entire application when ranking potential candidates. *Test scores must be from the Revised General Test or a prior GRE General Test. All tests must be within 5 years of the application date.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	53
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	63
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	70
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	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
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 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	Applicants must submit 3 Letters of Recommendation- (1) letter of recommendation must come from a licensed physical therapist and (1) letter of recommendation must come from a college professor who taught the applicant (preferably from an upper level course). **The third letter can be from another licensed physical therapist OR an employer/supervisor, preference for the latter in a health care employment setting. Applicants will NOT be considered for admission unless the required number and types of reference letters are submitted at the time of application.
Information about your PT requirements	The program recommends the applicant have at least 150 hours in a PT setting. The aforementioned letters of recommendation should come from these experiences.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	150
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	3.70
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.65
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Program will use the highest grade earned if a course was repeated. The Admissions committee strongly suggests that applicants have cumulative and science GPAs above the 3.0 minimum.
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Additional Requirements for International Applicants: • Academic Credential Evaluation • Verification of English Language Proficiency • Please visit: <a href="http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/admissions_international/">http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/admissions_international/</a> for detailed information Applicants must submit their official TOEFL scores to the University of Pittsburgh (Institution Code:2927)

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	All prerequisites (see below for acceptable courses) must be complete at the time of matriculation into the DPT program. *At the time of application no more than 2 courses can be outstanding and courses MUST BE completed within the past 5 years.
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	<a href="http://shrs.pitt.edu/DPT">http://shrs.pitt.edu/DPT</a>

## Anatomy

Anatomy- human anatomy course preferred; this course can be part of an Anatomy & Physiology series (e.g. A&P I and A&P II).

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

## Biology / Biological Science

See description above. 2 of 2 biology/biological science courses required.

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

## Biology / Biological Science

Two (2) semesters in any mammalian biological science is required with a laboratory component for each course. 8 credits are required in this area. 1 of 2 biology/biological science courses required.

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

## Chemistry I

Two (2) semesters of Chemistry is required with a laboratory component for each course.

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

## Chemistry II

Two (2) semesters of Chemistry is required with a laboratory component for each course.

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

## English Composition / Writing

Course Level

General or College

Lab Required

Not Required

Credits

SH: 3

Acceptable Courses

- English Composition
- English Composition I
- Writing

## Physics I

Two (2) semesters of Physics are required with a laboratory component for each course.

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

## Physics II

Two (2) semesters of Physics are required with a laboratory component for each course.

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

## Physiology

Physiology - human physiology course preferred; this course can be part of an A&P series.

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

## Psychology

A minimum of two (2) psychology courses are required and should include a General Psychology and another specialized area of Psychology (typically a higher level course). 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"><li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li><li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li><li>• Psychology: Child</li><li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li><li>• Psychology: Developmental</li><li>• Psychology: General</li><li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li><li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li><li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li><li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li><li>• Psychology: Social</li><li>• Psychology: Sports</li></ul>

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A minimum of two (2) psychology courses are required and should include a General Psychology and another specialized area of Psychology. 2 of 2 psychology courses required.

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Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li> <li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li> <li>• Psychology: Child</li> <li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li> <li>• Psychology: Developmental</li> <li>• Psychology: General</li> <li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li> <li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Psychology: Social</li> <li>• Psychology: Sports</li> </ul>

## Statistics

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

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/31/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>The Admissions committee will only <b>review completed applications</b>.</p> <p>Application decisions will not be made before October and will continue until all seats in the incoming class have been filled.</p>

## Program Contacts

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