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| Program Name | University of South Alabama |
| General Description / Special Programs | |
| Established | |
| Country | United States |
| State | AL |
| City | Mobile |
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| Program Description | <p>The Department of Physical Therapy has provided quality Physical Therapy education for 40 years with continuous accreditation. A friendly faculty that is clinically and academically strong teaches the curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.</p> <p>The department mission includes "education of Physical Therapists who provide the highest levels of professional care to diverse communities while maintaining a commitment to life-long learning." Upon graduation from this CAPTE-accredited DPT program, the student is eligible to take the national Physical Therapy examination for licensure.</p> <p>The exciting and challenging DPT program is offered in eight-semester (32 continuous months) format, a new class entering each fall semester. The 121 credit curriculum includes a variety of professional training/educational experiences to prepare students to enter PT practice. Students benefit from significant hands-on clinical practical labs and formal lectures/discussions led by faculty with experience in each clinical practice area, clinical problem solving activities, clinical research, plus 33 weeks of full-time clinical internships supervised by licensed Physical Therapists. The clinical internships are available in over 250 affiliated hospitals, rehabilitation centers and various specialty practices spread across the United States, representing a wide variety of educational opportunities for the student.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of South Alabama prepares graduates for professional practice and is designed as an entry-level, first PT degree. Throughout the program, students develop necessary communication skills in addition to professional and manual skills and techniques. Strong emphasis is placed on gaining clinical reasoning/problem-solving skills and the ability to practice as an autonomous primary care provider for rehabilitation to maintain or restore human movement in any employment setting. Graduates will also have the ability to assume responsibilities in areas of administration, consultation and research in Physical Therapy.</p> |
| Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway? | No |
| Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree | BS/DPT |

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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 |
| Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process? | No |
| Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants? | Yes |
| Total cumulative deposit | \$300 |
| Additional Information about Deposit | In order to secure enrollment, accepted applicants must submit a \$300.00 non-refundable matriculation deposit. This deposit will be applied toward the first semester's tuition. |
| Deposit Refundable? | No |
| Due Date of First Required Deposit | 02/08/2021 |
| Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class | 40 |
| Size of Most Recent Entering Class | 40 |
| % of IN-STATE applicants accepted | 65% |
| % of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted | 35% |
| % Male | 25% |
| % Female | 75% |
| % American Indian/Alaskan Native | 2% |
| % White (Not of Hispanic Origin) | 88% |
| % Two or More Races | 10% |

| Admission Requirements | |
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| Supplemental FEE required? | Yes |
| Supplemental fee amount | \$75 |
| Supplemental APPLICATION required? | Yes |
| Supplemental MATERIALS required? | No |
| Description of supplemental materials required | USA PT Supplemental Application and Supplemental Application fee are required. |
| Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials | 12/01/2020 |
| Link to supplemental forms or instructions | http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/pt/apply.html |
| Is GRE Required? | Yes |
| Program's PTCAS GRE code | 7799 |
| Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle | 12/01/2014 |
| Additional information about program's GRE requirements | GRE scores must be submitted electronically using institution code 7799 by December 1. Minimum Verbal + Quantitative score is 290. The Analytical Writing section is also required on each attempt. Scores cannot be combined from different exam attempts to achieve the required minimum score of 290. |
| Number of references required by program | None |
| Additional information about program's reference requirements | The University of South Alabama Doctor of Physical Therapy program does not require letters of recommendation. |
| 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 | 50 |
| DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours | 12/01/2020 |
| Paid | Accepted/Considered |
| Volunteer | Accepted/Considered |
| Inpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| Outpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| Additional information about program's GPA requirements | In addition to the Undergraduate Cumulative GPA, the program also considers the prerequisite science GPA in the ranking of applicants. |
| 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 |
| Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework | Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework: International applicants must have a TOEFL (internet) score =100, or IELTS =7.5. |

| Course Prerequisites | |
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| Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program? | Yes |
| General Information | Applicants may have a maximum of 2 Science prerequisite courses remaining by the application deadline (December 1). The remaining prerequisites must be completed in the spring and summer prior to the start of the program. If your institution only has a one-semester general Biology for Science majors, one of the following upper division Biology courses, upon approval, may be used for substitution: Cell, Genetics, Histology, Immunology, Microbiology, Zoology (Plant/Botany related courses are not acceptable.) All Science prerequisites must have labs and must be courses a Science major would take toward degree requirements. For the Math requirement, you must have 1 Pre-Calculus Algebra/Trigonometry combined course, or Pre-Calculus Algebra and PreCalculus Trigonometry (2 separate courses), or a higher math i.e. Calculus. All applicants must have a minimum grade of "C" in each of the prerequisite courses. |
| 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 | http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/pt/apply.html |

| Biology I | |
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| All Science prerequisites must have labs and must be courses a Science major would take toward degree requirements. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 QS: 6 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: General • Biology: General I |

| Biology II | |
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| If your institution only has a one-semester general Biology for Science majors, one of the following upper division animal Biology courses, upon approval, may be used for substitution: Cell, Genetics, Histology, Immunology, Microbiology, Zoology (Plant/Botany related courses are not acceptable.) All Science prerequisites must have labs and must be courses a Science major would take toward degree requirements. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 QS: 6 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Cell • Biology: General • Biology: General II • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Zoology |

| Chemistry I | |
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| Complete one year of Chemistry with lab in order to fulfill requirement (12 quarter or 8 semester units). Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 QS: 6 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry I |

Chemistry II

See Chemistry I. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

English Composition / Writing

1 of 2 English Composition/writing courses required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

English Composition / Writing

2 of 2 English Composition/writing courses required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Math

PreCalculus Algebra and Pre-Calculus Trigonometry, or Pre- Calculus Algebra/Trigonometry combined, or a higher Math (i.e. Calculus). Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mathematics: AlgebraMathematics: CalculusMathematics: Pre-AlgebraMathematics: TrigonometryPre-Calculus AlgebraPre-Calculus Trigonometry |

Physics I

Complete one year of Physics with lab in order to fulfill requirement (12 quarter or 8 semester units). Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 QS: 6 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Physics IPhysics: General |

Physics II

See Physics I. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physiology

A & P I & II are accepted as a substitute for Human Physiology. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Psychology

3 Social Science courses are required. 2 of them must be Psychology electives. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Psychology

3 Social Science courses are required. 2 of them must be Psychology electives. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Applicable |
| Credits | |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports• Psychology: Statistics |

| Social/Behavioral Science | |
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| 3 Social Science courses are required. 2 of them must be Psychology electives. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Applicable |
| Credits | |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Any • Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology • Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Criminal Justice • Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography • Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies • Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality • Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family • Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work • Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology • Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies |

| Statistics | |
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| Acceptable Courses are: Statistical Reasoning, Applied Business Statistics, Applied Health Science Statistics. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted. | |
| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business: Statistics • Health Science: Statistics • Mathematics: Statistics |

| Deadlines | |
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| PT program start date for entering class | 08/16/2021 |
| Multiple start dates? | No |
| PTCAS application deadline | Dec 01 2020 |
| Deadline Type | Firm |
| Program has rolling admissions process? | No |
| Important dates | <p>USA PT DEPT GRE COLLEGE PROGRAM CODE IS 7799.</p> <p>Applicants for the DPT program must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any field from an accredited College or University and complete all prerequisites for Graduate admission with a GPA > 3.00 by the time they would start the DPT program. These applicants may apply by the deadline of December 1st, or before, if they will complete their Bachelor's Degree before fall semester.</p> <p>Acceptance will be based on the student's academic ability and aptitude for a career as a Physical Therapist including GPA emphasizing Science prerequisites, and GRE score.</p> <p>Admission to the program is limited and selective. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required forms are received by the deadline and that all minimum requirements have been met. Only completed applications will be considered for admission.</p> |

| Program Contacts | | | |
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