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Program Name	University of Texas at El Paso
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1993
Country	United States
State	TX
City	El Paso
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will graduate highly qualified doctors of physical therapy prepared to provide culturally proficient and linguistically competent care in our border region and beyond. We endeavor to develop leaders who are committed to patient-centered care, evidence-based practice, our community's health, life-long learning, and the advancement of the physical therapy profession.</p> <p>The College of Health Sciences and the university overall is experiencing rapid advancement. The Health Sciences and Nursing building on Wiggins across from the library is a beautiful, state of the art building. While some classes for the DPT students will be taught at this building, the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is housed at Campbell Hall at 1101 N Campbell along with the rest of the Rehabilitation Sciences Department.</p> <p>The UTEP Doctor of Physical Therapy Program philosophy is centered around four themes:</p> <p>First, we believe that a strong and reciprocal student-faculty relationship is the foundation of a successful learning environment. Both students and faculty have the responsibility and power to contribute to teaching and active learning.</p> <p>Second, we believe that the development of self-regulated learners is at the foundation of producing graduates dedicated to lifelong learning. We recognize that our most important charge is not to merely deliver information but to teach our students how to learn. We focus on critical thinking, evidence acquisition and critique, and self-reflection across the curriculum.</p> <p>Third, we believe that the program has a duty to be engaged in the community, and that community engagement is a powerful teaching strategy.</p> <p>Finally, we believe that we must be agents of change and must mold our students into agents of change for the good of our community and our profession.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree requires 9 consecutive semesters, full-time, in a lock-step program. Students enter in May and graduate in May, 3 years later. The program is both challenging and rewarding. Following graduation, students are eligible to take the national licensure exam. Successful outcome on the licensure examination qualifies the graduate to work in any of the 50 states. We are fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), recognized by United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.</p> <p>We welcome you to consider joining our wonderful profession and to receive your education in our unique region.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No

## Program Information

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	\$200
Additional Information about Deposit	If the UTEP DPT Program offers admission to an applicant, the applicant will be required to pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit when the offer is accepted. The applicant must pay this non-refundable deposit in order to hold a spot in the incoming cohort. The \$200 will be applied toward the applicant's first-semester (summer) tuition in the UTEP DPT Program. If the applicant withdraws from the UTEP DPT Program after paying the deposit, the \$200 will be forfeited to the UTEP DPT Program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Additional Information about Refunds	Accepted applicant will have 5 business days from date of acceptance to pay the deposit. We will not require payment until after Jan 15.
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$46465.50
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$102583
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	36
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	36
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	86%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	14%
% Male	42%
% Female	58%
% Hispanic	56%
% Asian	3%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	3%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	31%
% Two or More Races	8%
% Declining to State	3%
Additional information about the class profile	The University of Texas at El Paso commits itself to providing quality higher education to a diverse student population. Classified as a Doctoral/Research-Intensive university, UTEP seeks to extend the greatest possible educational access to a region which has been geographically isolated with limited economic and educational opportunities for many of its people." To that end, we endeavor to offer admission to the most qualified applicants from the El Paso region. However, we value diversity and encourage applicants from outside of the region who have a commitment to our university and program mission to apply to our program.

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$45
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	The applicant must pay a \$45 non-refundable application fee to be considered for the program. The fee will be submitted to the Miner Shoppe Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Admissions Fee.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	11/02/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	<a href="https://secure.touchnet.net/C21711_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=25&amp;SINGLESTORE=true">https://secure.touchnet.net/C21711_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=25&amp;SINGLESTORE=true</a>
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	8837
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	11/02/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/15/2010
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	* The University of Texas at El Paso we will accept the GRE at home version through ETS and as long as the scores are in PTCAS by the Nov 2 deadline we will accept it. * The University of Texas at El Paso has no minimum GRE score. In addition the University will accept GRE Scores that are 10 years old or newer. * However ETS will only send scores that are 5 years old or newer. Arrange for ETS to send official scores to UTEP's PTCAS GRE code #8837 and must be received by PTCAS by the set deadline. * We will not accept GRE scores taken after November 2, 2020. We will not accept GRE scores sent to any other code.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	151
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	52
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	38
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	41
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type 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 accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	3

## Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's reference requirements	* Three recommendations are required. * While we prefer that at least one Letter of Recommendation is from a licensed PT, but understand that applicants might not have the ability to request a letter of reference from a physical therapist at this time. * The UTEP DPT Program recommends that the physical therapist who provides this required reference is the physical therapist under whom the applicant completed his/her observation hours and knows the applicant well enough to effectively comment on the applicant's qualities. * Letters of recommendations are only accepted through PTCAS and must be received by PTCAS by the set deadline.
Information about your PT requirements	50 hours must be verified by October 15, 2020 (preferably electronically) and the hours must be verified in or scanned into PTCAS. While applicants are still required to complete and submit a minimum of 50 hours of observation, applicants will have until mid February to submit their hours for review. All hours must be submitted at the close of the Academic Update period. There are no extra points added to an applicant's packet for observation hours beyond the required 50 hours nor for the number of settings in which an applicant observed physical therapy practice. However, more hours and multiple settings may be more helpful in an applicant's preparation for the program.
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	10/15/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.63
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.6
MINIMUM GPA Last 60 Credit Hours Completed	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Last 60 Credit Hours Completed	3.71
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	The overall GPA is calculated with ALL course grades posted on official transcripts including those that a university may not calculate in an applicant's GPA. For example, many universities may drop a failing course grade when the course is repeated with a passing grade. Our program will include BOTH grades in the calculation of the overall GPA. However, the highest grade can be used when calculating the prerequisite course GPA. We review applications before Fall grades are received. Therefore, any grades received in the Fall semester during which you apply to the UTEP DPT Program or the following Spring semester will not be calculated in your packet. However you MUST submit your academic update when through PTCAS as directed. Failing to perform the academic update if any courses have been completed after submission of your application will make your application incomplete.
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)
Additional information for the foreign transcripts	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS
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	Foreign transcripts must be credentialed by WES an approved US foreign credentialing service. Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS. TOEFL scores for non-native English speakers is required to PTCAS by the set deadline. If graduate of US accredited school, the TOEFL is not required. For questions regarding eligibility for International students contact <a href="mailto:gradschool@utep.edu">gradschool@utep.edu</a>

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	It is strongly recommended that prerequisite science courses be completed in a traditional classroom setting. If you are unable to take prerequisite courses at an accredited 4-year college or university for compelling reasons, courses taken at an accredited community college are acceptable. Anatomy and Physiology courses should be from a science-based program. Normally courses from Sports Medicine or Kinesiology are not approved. If you are requesting to use a course that is not Biology/Zoology based for your Anatomy and/or Physiology, you must include the course description from the university catalog or syllabus in the school-specific question. It is not guaranteed that those courses will be approved. The following prerequisite courses are recommended but NOT REQUIRED for admission: Exercise Physiology, Medical Terminology, Technical Writing, Public Speaking course (or participate in Toastmasters).
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	<a href="http://utep.edu/chs/pt/academic-programs/requirements-for-admission.html">http://utep.edu/chs/pt/academic-programs/requirements-for-admission.html</a>

## Anatomy

This course must be a science based course typically offered by the Science Department. Four semester credit hours with a lab of Anatomy AND four semester credit hours with a lab of physiology OR 8 semester hours with labs of A&P I & II. If you take A&P I you must also take A&P II as taking both will include the whole body. Some examples of course titles for Anatomy are Medical Anatomy, Human Anatomy, Vertebrate Anatomy, or Mammalian Anatomy. We do NOT accept Exercise Physiology for Physiology requirement. Check with your university to find out what they offer.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li> <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: SEPARATE courses</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Vertebrate</li> </ul>

## Biology I

Any 4 semester credit hour Biology or Zoology courses that include a lab that are fauna (courses that are human or animal) not flora (plant based courses) will be accepted. This requirement means it must be a human or animal based class, not botany or biofuels, etc. Each class must include a lab. BIOL or ZOOL courses are normally what is required. Microbiology or Genetics are accepted as long as there is a lab included. Courses for science majors are strongly recommended.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: General</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> </ul>

## Biology II

Any 4 semester credit hour Biology or Zoology courses that include a lab that are fauna (courses that are human or animal) not flora (plant based courses) will be accepted. This requirement means it must be a human or animal based class, not botany or biofuels, etc. Each class must include a lab. BIOL or ZOOL courses are normally what is required. Microbiology or Genetics are accepted as long as there is a lab included. Courses for science majors are strongly recommended.

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Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li><li>• A&amp;P: Comparative</li><li>• A&amp;P: Neuroanatomy</li><li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Pathophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Vertebrate</li><li>• Biology: Advanced</li><li>• Biology: Cell</li><li>• Biology: Embryology</li><li>• Biology: General II</li><li>• Biology: Genetics</li><li>• Biology: Histology</li><li>• Biology: Immunology</li><li>• Biology: Microbiology</li><li>• Biology: Molecular</li><li>• Biology: Zoology</li></ul>

## Chemistry I

Any 4 semester credit hour Chemistry classes that include a lab may be used for this requirement. They must be two different classes, not just the same class taken at two different colleges. For example, if you take Chemistry 1 at one university and then take Chemistry 1 at another university, you cannot count that as both of your required course for chemistry. Chemistry for science majors strongly recommended.

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Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry I</li><li>• Chemistry: Advanced</li><li>• Chemistry: Any</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Chemistry II

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Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry II</li><li>• Chemistry: Advanced</li><li>• Chemistry: Any</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Physics I

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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"><li>• Physics I</li><li>• Physics II</li><li>• Physics: Any</li><li>• Physics: General</li></ul>

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Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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## Psychology

Any 3 semester credit hour of Psychology will be accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li> <li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li> <li>• Psychology: Advanced</li> <li>• Psychology: Any</li> <li>• Psychology: Child</li> <li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li> <li>• Psychology: Developmental</li> <li>• Psychology: General</li> <li>• Psychology: General I</li> <li>• Psychology: General II</li> <li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li> <li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Psychopathology</li> <li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Psychology: Social</li> <li>• Psychology: Sports</li> <li>• Psychology: Statistics</li> </ul>

## Statistics

Any 3 semester credit hour Statistics course preferably psychology or education based course. Recommend include ANOVA.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology: Biostatistics</li> <li>• Business: Statistics</li> <li>• Mathematics: Statistics</li> <li>• Psychology: Statistics</li> </ul>

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/01/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>A "Campus Visit" will be held in the fall semester. This is held on the second Saturday of each September. Check the program's website for confirmation as the date is subject to change. <a href="https://www.utep.edu/chs/pt/news/onsite-visit.html">https://www.utep.edu/chs/pt/news/onsite-visit.html</a></p> <p>We plan to participate in the APTA's DPT Educational Virtual Fair if held in the Spring. <a href="http://www.apta.org/PhysicalTherapyEducationVirtualFair/">http://www.apta.org/PhysicalTherapyEducationVirtualFair/</a></p>

## Program Contacts

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