



University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The - Bridge PTA to DPT Program

Program Information	
Program Name	University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The - Bridge PTA to DPT Program
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	2015
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Program Information

Program Description	<p>The UTMB Physical Therapist Assistant to Doctor of Physical Therapy Bridge program is a two year and 4 month hybrid based program with minimal on-campus requirements for Physical Therapist Assistants to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The Bridge program will prepare the student in patient management from evaluation to treatment, application of evidence based practice, leadership, education and research. UTMB Bridge students may participate in patient simulation labs, standardized patient experiences, and neurologic and orthopedic clinics during didactic semesters to prepare them for four clinical internships. Clinical internships begin during the third semester and are available in Texas.</p> <p>The Physical Therapy program at UTMB is the oldest Physical Therapy program in Texas and is located on the UTMB Health campus, which allows students access to outstanding faculty and resources from the Health Professions, Nursing and Medical Schools. Students also have access to inpatient and outpatient physical therapy services on Galveston Island as well as the mainland. Additional teaching resources include facilities and clinical experts in the nearby affiliated Texas Medical Center located in Houston.</p> <p>The faculty in the Bridge program have expertise that covers the vast specialty areas of the physical therapy profession including neurological, orthopedic, pediatric, geriatric and cardiopulmonary. Along with the expertise in these areas, we have faculty with APTA Specialization Certification in Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Orthopedics and Neurology. The faculty members are committed to providing traditional and nontraditional learning experiences that are integrated around recurring themes related to the multiple roles of the physical therapist in patient care, health promotion, research, management, education, and community service.</p> <p>Typically, UTMB DPT graduates have a 100% licensure exam pass rate and 100% employment rate. Many of our students have continued their education by completing clinical residencies and specialty certifications.</p>
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
Additional information about interviews	We typically conduct Interviews via Skype for Business
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	No
Total cumulative deposit	\$200
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2020
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	40
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	37
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	81%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	19%
% Male	40%
% Female	60%
% Hispanic	26%
% Asian	5%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	8%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	51%
% Two or More Races	5%
% Declining to State	5%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$40
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	Please submit a copy of your current PTA license
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	PTA License
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	3775
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/25/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/31/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Applicant's GRE scores must be received by the application deadline. Typically the process of verification takes a few weeks, so be mindful of when you are taking the GRE test.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.0
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type not accepted
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	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
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 accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	The program requires 3 letters of reference.
Information about your PT requirements	Two years of employment as a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant.
Program's PT hours requirement	Other
Paid	Required

Admission Requirements

Volunteer	Not Accepted
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.50
MINIMUM GPA Math/Science GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Math/Science GPA	3.40
MINIMUM GPA PTA GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA PTA GPA	3.70
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Repeated course grades do not replace previous grades. We consider three distinct GPAs : your overall GPA (all completed coursework), math/science (all math and science coursework), or PTA GPA.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
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	Must have graduated from a CAPTE accredited PTA Program

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	You must complete a Bachelor's Degree & all prerequisite coursework by December 31 of the year in which you apply for the DPT Bridge Program.
General Information	You must complete a Bachelor's Degree & all prerequisite coursework by 31 December of the year in which you apply for the DPT Bridge Program.
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	https://shp.utmb.edu/PhysicalTherapy/bridgeptadpt.asp

Anatomy

PTA Program Anatomy courses will NOT satisfy this requirement. A&P courses will also NOT satisfy this requirement. Accepted courses are UPPER LEVEL Anatomy for Science Majors with lab. This advanced anatomy course may be human, mammalian, or comparative anatomy. Online courses that are 4 credit hours with lab may be accepted.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology / Biological Science

For science majors. 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">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Biology / Biological Science

For science majors. 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">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology

Chemistry

For science majors. 1 of 2 Chemistry courses required.

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

Chemistry

For science majors. 2 of 2 Chemistry courses required.

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

Developmental Psychology

Developmental Psychology	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

Math

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

Physics

College or University. 1 of 2 Physics courses required.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics

College or University. 2 of 2 Physics courses required.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Physiology

Physiology may be 8 hours A&PI&II or 4 hours of physiology.	
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: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Psychology

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

Statistics

Must include ANOVA.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biology: BiostatisticsBusiness: StatisticsMathematics: StatisticsPsychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/03/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 15 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Please visit our website for more information: https://shp.utmb.edu/PhysicalTherapy/

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