



University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Program Information

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| Program Name | University of the Sciences in Philadelphia |
| General Description / Special Programs | |
| Established | 1821 |
| Country | United States |
| State | PA |
| City | Philadelphia |
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"This page is intended for college graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program. Do not apply using PTCAS."

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| <p>Program Description</p> | <p>DPT students at the University of the Sciences find unique opportunities to learn in many different environments, not just the classroom. Our program values early and often exposure to the clinic and to patients enabling our students to immediately apply classroom knowledge. USciences' DPT program achieves this through our pro-bono clinics, integrated clinical experiences, and full-time clinical education. The DPT program at USciences is about more than a degree - it's about experiences that prepare you for a fulfilling career in physical therapy.</p> <p>We take pride in our pro-bono clinics that serve those in the Philadelphia community who may not have insurance, or who have maxed out on their insurance, but are still in need of physical therapy services. Students work in a variety of pro-bono clinics in the fall of their first year under the supervision of licensed physical therapists, and continue to provide service throughout their program. We utilize a peer mentor system in our clinics, with students serving as mentors to those who are earlier in their education, creating a collaborative environment for clinical learning.</p> <p>Early exposure to patient care also occurs in our integrated clinical experiences, or ICEs. Throughout the program, patient participants are either brought into the classroom for hands-on learning, or students may leave campus to experience patient care in a variety of settings in Philadelphia.</p> <p>USciences' DPT students gain experience in the second and third years of their program through mentored clinical teaching in our clinical education program. These are full-time clinicals under the supervision of licensed physical therapists in which students learn and apply their skills and decision making. Our program has over 350 practice sites for full-time clinical education in a variety of settings such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outpatient orthopedic clinics - Outpatient sports medicine clinics - Outpatient pediatric clinics - Acute care and Long Term Acute Care hospitals - Rehabilitation facilities - Pediatric hospitals and rehabilitation centers - Home care <p>Participation in the clinic, whether it be through ICEs, in a pro-bono clinic, or in full-time clinical education, helps bolster self-confidence, manual skills, and clinical decision-making in a real-world environment.</p> <p>Talented and accomplished faculty are essential to our program's success. A variety of areas of expertise are represented by our faculty such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports medicine - Pediatrics - Neurologic rehabilitation - Cardiovascular and Pulmonary rehabilitation - Vestibular rehabilitation - Research principles and practice - Geriatrics - Medical ethics <p>Moreover, our faculty is actively engaged in generating new ideas and treatment solutions to advance the profession of physical therapy. They bring this expertise into the classroom and partner with students on research projects to help build the next generation of physical therapy professionals.</p> <p>Our outcomes are strong. 100% of students have one or more job offers 6 months after successfully passing the national licensing exam.</p> |
| <p>Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Institution's Religious Affiliation</p> | <p>n/a</p> |
| <p>Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Additional information about interviews</p> | <p>Group interviews are conducted from September through March. Those interviewed will have the opportunity to tour campus and interact with current PT students.</p> |
| <p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Total cumulative deposit</p> | <p>\$500</p> |
| <p>Additional Information about Deposit</p> | <p>Deposit deadlines are communicated in the official letter of acceptance. Deadlines may range from 2-6 weeks from receipt of acceptance letter.</p> |
| <p>Deposit Refundable?</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Due Date of First Required Deposit</p> | <p>01/31/2022</p> |

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| Total Cost of Education for In-State Students | \$164000 |
| Total Cost of Education for out of State Students | \$164000 |
| Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class | 80 |
| Size of Most Recent Entering Class | 72 |
| % of IN-STATE applicants accepted | 37.5% |
| % of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted | 62.5% |
| % Male | 29% |
| % Female | 71% |
| % Hispanic | 4% |
| % Asian | 18% |
| % African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic) | 4% |
| % White (Not of Hispanic Origin) | 57% |
| % Two or More Races | 7% |
| % Declining to State | 10% |

Admission Requirements

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| Supplemental FEE required? | No |
| Supplemental fee amount | \$0 |
| Supplemental APPLICATION required? | No |
| Supplemental MATERIALS required? | No |
| Is GRE Required? | No |
| Physical Therapist-1 | Evaluator type accepted |
| 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 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 not accepted |
| Clergy | Evaluator type not accepted |
| Other | Evaluator type accepted |

Admission Requirements

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| Number of references required by program | 2 |
| Information about your PT requirements | While USciences does not require observation or shadow hours, we highly recommend them. Observation hours give you the opportunity to learn more about the profession and to re-affirm your excitement about, and dedication to, being a PT professional. |
| Program's PT hours requirement | PT hours are not required but are highly recommended |
| Paid | Accepted/Considered |
| Volunteer | Accepted/Considered |
| Inpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| Outpatient | Accepted/Considered |
| MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative | 3.00 |
| AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative | 3.30 |
| MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite | 3.00 |
| AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite | 3.30 |
| Program considers Canadian coursework? | No |
| Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework | Other |
| Additional information for the foreign transcripts | Send WES or any foreign transcript evaluation from a NACES member evaluator. |
| Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores? | Other |
| 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 | TOEFL is not required if student has been instructed in English for at least 4 years |

Course Prerequisites

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| Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program? | Yes |
| General Information | Physical therapy students must consistently demonstrate, with or without reasonable accommodations, the physical, emotional, and cognitive essential functions and technical standards that are necessary for successful completion of the physical therapy program at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia |
| 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 | https://www.usciences.edu/samson-college-of-health-sciences/physical-therapy/physical-therapy-dpt/application-process.html |

Anatomy & Physiology I

A two-course sequence of anatomy & physiology I and II with lab is required (8 credits total). If a student has taken a stand-alone physiology course with lab, an additional course in anatomy is required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: SEPARATE courses |

Anatomy & Physiology II

A two-course sequence of anatomy & physiology with lab is required (8 credits total). If a student has taken a stand-alone physiology course with lab, an additional course in anatomy is required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Required |
| Credits | SH: 4 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: SEPARATE courses |

Biology I

Any biology course with a lab and the biology prefix will fulfill this requirement.

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| 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 I• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology |

Biology II

Any biology course with a lab and the biology prefix will fulfill this requirement.

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| 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 II• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology |

Chemistry I

Minimum requirement of General Chemistry I & II for science majors with respective laboratories.

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

Chemistry II

Minimum requirement of General Chemistry I & II for science majors with respective laboratories.

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

English Composition / Writing

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

English Composition / Writing

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

Math

Applicants are required to complete either Pre-Calculus or Calculus.

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| 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 |

Math

Applicants who have taken Calculus I or higher, achieving a grade of B or better, are exempt from this additional math requirement.

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

Medical Terminology

If you have not completed medical terminology at the time of acceptance, you can opt to complete an online proficiency course prior to the start of the program in May.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | SH: 2 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology |

Nutrition, Health, Wellness

USciences requires a Nutrition course (Health & Wellness is not accepted).

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

Physics I

Physics course is not required to be calculus-based.

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

Physics II

Course is not required to be calculus-based.

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

Psychology

1 of 2 required Psychology courses, for a total of six credits.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | SH: 3 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Psychology• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Cognitive• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: Introduction To Psychology |

Psychology

2 of 2 required Psychology courses, for a total of six credits.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | SH: 3 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Psychology• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Cognitive• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: Introduction To Psychology |

Social/Behavioral Science

1 of 2 social/behavioral courses required, for a total of six credits.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | SH: 3 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economics• Political Science• Psychology: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology• Social/Behavioral Science: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology |

Social/Behavioral Science

2 of 2 social/behavioral courses required, for a total of six credits.

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| Course Level | General or College |
| Lab Required | Not Required |
| Credits | SH: 3 |
| Acceptable Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economics• Political Science• Psychology: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology• Social/Behavioral Science: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology |

Statistics

Applicants must complete a 3-credit statistics course. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Deadlines

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| PT program start date for entering class | 05/18/2022 |
| Multiple start dates? | No |
| PTCAS application deadline | November 1, 2021 |
| Deadline Type | Priority Deadline |
| Application close date | February 15, 2022 |
| Program has rolling admissions process? | Yes |
| Important dates | <p>Priority application deadline is November, but USciences accepts applications thru February 15th.</p> <p>Plan a visit to campus! We host several open houses throughout the summer and fall, and offer daily campus tours. Check our event calendar to plan your visit!</p> <p>Upon completion of the PTCAS application, applications are reviewed and Invitations to participate in an admission Interview are sent to applicants. Interviews are typically held from September thru March. Admission decisions are rendered within two weeks after completion of the admission interview.</p> <p>Deposited students will start their program in mid-May, specific date to be determined.</p> |

Program Contacts

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