



Virginia Commonwealth University

Program Information	
Program Name	Virginia Commonwealth University
General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information

Program Description	<p>Virginia Commonwealth University offers one of the premier Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs in the country. Located in the heart of Richmond's VCU Medical Center, the program provides students with easy access to state-of-the-art clinical and research facilities. The VCU Department of Physical Therapy was established in 1945 and was the first accredited physical therapy program in the commonwealth of Virginia and one of the first programs in the country.</p> <p>The Department of Physical Therapy includes 13 full-time faculty members, more than 20 adjunct faculty members and three staff members. Our full-time faculty members are actively involved in teaching, clinical practice and research across a wide spectrum of clinically relevant topics. Visit the VCU Department of Physical Therapy web pages (http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/departments/pt/index.html) to learn more about each full-time faculty member's research and area of expertise.</p> <p>VCU's DPT Program prepares students for entry into the profession by teaching them to evaluate and manage patients with physical therapy problems effectively and in accordance with ethical principles. The department maintains clinical internship contracts with more than 210 facilities across the United States. DPT students at VCU complete a total of 34 weeks in full-time clinical education experiences as well as over 80+ hours in part time observations. The program provides students with strategies to continually define and meet their own educational needs in order to keep skills and knowledge current throughout their professional careers.</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?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	If accepted, VCU requires a \$500.00 deposit for in-state students and a \$1000.00 deposit for out of state students.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$65321
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$119160
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	58
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	59
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	86%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	14%
% Male	32%
% Female	68%
% Asian	14%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	8%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	81%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50

Admission Requirements

Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	The VCU supplemental application materials are found in the PTCAS by going to the VCU program specific page. An additional supplemental fee of \$50.00 is also required. You must submit all the supplemental materials by the October deadline and pay the supplemental fee in addition to the required PTCAS fees for your application to be complete. Please refer to the link below for additional instructions.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Out of State Applicant Essay (only for out of state residents)
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	Supplemental VCU Prerequisite Form
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	Virginia Instate Tuition Application Form (only for Virginia Residents)
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://pt.chp.vcu.edu/application_instructions.html
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	4788
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/30/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	09/30/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	GRE scores should not be more than 5 years old. GREs must be submitted by the October application hard deadline. Scores after this deadline will not be accepted.
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 accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type 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
Information about your PT requirements	Our DPT program requires 45 hours of paid or volunteer observation under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. These hours should be in two distinctly different practice settings. For example, outpatient orthopedics and acute care would meet our requirement. Two different outpatient orthopedics clinics treating the same types of patients will not meet the requirement. We will count outpatient pediatrics and outpatient ortho/sports as two different practice settings. The hours do not have to be a 50/50 split. Many applications will have more than 45 hours (paid and/or unpaid) but 45 meets the minimal requirement. Make sure planned or pending hours are clearly indicated on the application.

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Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	45
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	2.70
MINIMUM GPA Math/Science GPA	2.70
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	If courses are repeated, both grades are used in the Total GPA and Math/Science GPA calculations. The Math/Science GPA is computed from all math and science courses (biology, chemistry, physics, math) taken both at the undergraduate and graduate level. Exercise science courses are not included in the math science GPA.
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	We require the TOEFL scores for non-native speakers unless the applicant has completed all their undergraduate work at an accredited US university or college.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Science prerequisites must be taken within the last 10 years or be reviewed and approved by the Director of Admissions.
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	http://www.vcu.edu/pt/prospectivestudents/dpt_prerequisites.html

Anatomy & Physiology I

Any anatomy or physiology courses taken in an exercise science department must be pre-approved. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Animal• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Comparative• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Microbiology

Chemistry I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Math

Must be trigonometry, pre-calculus, or calculus. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
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• Mathematics: Trigonometry

Physics I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Physics II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Psychology

(Specialized). May be an introductory course plus another psychology course any level OR two psychology courses any level without an introductory course. Abnormal and child development courses are recommended. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development

Psychology

Sociology courses and sports psychology courses will not meet the psychology requirement. Courses must be taken in the psychology department. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development

Statistics

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/14/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	We recommend that students submit their applications as soon as possible. The summer 2021 start date for has not been finalized. Students typically start Gross Anatomy mid-June.

Program Contacts

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