



Winston-Salem State University

Program Information

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General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information

<p>Program Description</p>	<p>Winston Salem State University's Department of Physical Therapy serves the people of North Carolina and the nation by providing an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (DPT). The Department is committed to providing an integrative education program that is well-grounded in the basic, social and clinical sciences in order to produce competent and compassionate clinicians who are skilled in the areas of critical thinking and inquiry, clinical problem-solving, research, education, management and treatment delivery to address health disparities. This innovative and unique 121 semester hour program incorporates applied learning techniques across the curriculum using human patient simulation housed in a virtual hospital, full functioning simulation experiences and student-directed community clinic learning labs supervised by program faculty. Students also have access to a state-of-the-art Human Movement and Biodynamics Lab that provides opportunity for faculty and student research. Exposure to research opportunities are integral to our program. Our mission is to increase diversity within the field of physical therapy through the recruitment and development of students from different backgrounds.</p> <p>The diverse faculty of the WSSU Department of Physical Therapy envision a program that provides students with the educational and experiential foundation to practice physical therapy in a proactive, competent, ethical, and compassionate manner. Primary values inherent within the curriculum, modeled by the faculty and staff, and developed within the students, include integrity, dedication, responsibility, leadership, accountability, wisdom, commitment to personal and professional growth, and willingness to serve a diverse society. The DPT degree will prepare graduates to deliver both primary and interdisciplinary health care to diverse populations within a variety of practice settings and health-care delivery systems.</p> <p>The rigorous 36-month program challenges and develops students year round. A new class is admitted each January, while our strongly recruited seniors graduate in December of year three. Clinical experiences at over 200 affiliated sites are interspersed throughout the curriculum. Students spend approximately 34 weeks at several different clinical sites under the direct supervision of highly experienced and dynamic clinical instructors.</p> <p>Applicants who meet the minimum GRE and GPA requirements will be directed to purchase and complete the CASPer online assessment, a situational judgment test that assesses non-academic attributes (your people skills). Once we have determined that you meet the GRE and GPA requirements, you will receive additional information concerning where and how to schedule the assessment. You are responsible for paying all assessment fees directly to Altus Assessments, who administers the CASPer, which include a \$25.00 base fee, and an additional fee of \$12.00 per each program to which you transmit your results. The CASPer consists of 12 sections and takes between 60-90 minutes to complete, and you can take the CASPer from virtually anywhere you have internet access. You can learn more about CASPer by visiting their website.</p> <p>Changes due to COVID 19 and applicable for the coming application cycle 2020:</p> <p>1. Observation hours: while we do encourage observation hours from a variety of clinical settings, we recognize the challenge this may pose to many applicants due to COVID 19. Please report all observation hours and settings as completed, however, we will accept applications with no observation hours.</p> <p>2. Letters of Recommendation: While we encourage receipt of a letter of recommendation from a physical therapist, we recognize the difficulty this may present for many because of the current pandemic. If you are unable to receive an endorsement from a physical therapist, we will accept a second letter of recommendation from another professor within or outside of your major.</p>
<p>Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?</p>	<p>No</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>No</p>
<p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Total cumulative deposit</p>	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Additional Information about Deposit</p>	<p>Deposit is applied toward the first semester's tuition. Deposit due date is based upon the date of the seat offer. Once the seat offer is extended the seat deposit is due within 2 weeks of the seat offer date.</p>
<p>Deposit Refundable?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Due Date of First Required Deposit</p>	<p>01/08/2021</p>

Program Information

Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	28
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	28
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	85%
% of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) applicants accepted	0%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	15%
% of CANADIAN applicants accepted	0%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted	0%
% Male	25%
% Female	75%
% Hispanic	3%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	32%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	65%
Additional information about the class profile	WSSU has an Early Assurance program for WSSU undergraduates, which is available after their Sophomore year. Applicants must meet specific academic requirements and will participate in an interview.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	Within 24 hours of receipt of your PTCAS application, the Graduate Admissions office will send the applicant a link to the electronic payment system. The \$50 fee will be submitted through this electronic system. Complete review of your application will not occur until the fee has been submitted.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	01/15/2021
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7635
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	01/15/2021
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	01/15/2015

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's GRE requirements	MUST have Composite (Verbal and Quantitative) greater than or equal to 290, with subcomponents as noted (145 on each component or higher). Send official GRE scores to only WSSU's PTCAS GRE code #7635. DO NOT send the GRE directly to the university. COVID-19 Changes to GRE Requirements: Applicants who meet the minimum GRE and GPA requirements will be directed to purchase and complete the CASPer online assessment, a situational judgment test that assesses non-academic attributes (your people skills). Once we have determined that you meet the GRE and GPA requirements, you will receive additional information concerning where and how to schedule the assessment. You are responsible for paying all assessment fees directly to Altus Assessments, who administers the CASPer, which include a \$25.00 base fee, and an additional fee of \$12.00 per each program to which you transmit your results. The CASPer consists of 12 sections and takes between 60-90 minutes to complete, and you can take the CASPer from virtually anywhere you have internet access. You can learn more about CASPer by visiting their website at https://takecasper.com/about-casper/ .
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	145
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	152
MINIMUM GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	145
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	152
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.0
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
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 not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	One letter must come from a professor, preferably in your major, one letter must come from a physical therapist, and the third from another PT, professor, PTA, supervisor/employer, health care professional, or teaching assistant, etc. COVID-19 Changes to Letters of Recommendation: While we encourage receipt of a letter of recommendation from a physical therapist, we recognize the difficulty this may present for many because of the current pandemic. If you are unable to receive an endorsement from a physical therapist, we will accept a second letter of recommendation from another professor within or outside of your major.
Information about your PT requirements	All observation hours must be verified before deadline of January 15, 2021 to be considered. At least two different settings and 50 hours are required. Higher consideration will be given to applicants with more observation hours and who have observed in a variety of different settings. Some examples of different settings include outpatient, inpatient at a hospital, rehabilitation, or skilled nursing. COVID-19 Changes to Observation hour Requirements: while we do encourage observation hours from a variety of clinical settings, we recognize the challenge this may pose to many applicants due to COVID 19. Please report all observation hours and settings as completed, however, we will accept applications with no observation hours.
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
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	100
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	01/15/2021

Admission Requirements

Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.0
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.60
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.0
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	* 10/12 prerequisites MUST be completed by the application deadline. * Must have 11/12 pre-requisite courses completed by May 2021, with all pre-requisite courses completed by August, 2021. * All pre-requisite courses MUST be earned as a C or better to be accepted toward admission. * A pre-requisite course completed after acceptance must be at or above the B level, or the acceptance will be rescinded. * Grades from repeated courses are averaged with the previous grade - thus both the original and repeat MUST be put into the prerequisite course listings. * Any grade below a C- is not accepted as a prerequisite and must be repeated.
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	Canadian coursework is not included in PTCAS GPAs. The transcript will be evaluated separately.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	WSSU's Early Assurance program-WSSU students who qualify (entered WSSU as a first time Freshman) may be able to start during the 2nd semester of their senior year, and the 1st semester of the DPT program will count toward their Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology, as well as the DPT.
General Information	All application materials must be completed by the January 15, 2021 deadline. 10/12 prerequisites must be completed by the application deadline. 11/12 Pre-requisite courses must be completed by May, 2021 and all pre-requisite coursework must be completed by August, 2021. **All pre-requisite science courses must have been completed within 10 years of the application.** Please make sure that Fall 2020 transcripts are submitted before the deadline to be considered.
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://www.wssu.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/school-of-health-sciences/department-of-physical-therapy/application-process.html

Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
- A&P: Human
- A&P: Physiology
- A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
- A&P: Human
- A&P: Mammalian
- A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- Biology: General
- Biology: General I

Chemistry I

Recommend College Chemistry I.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Recommend College Chemistry II. Will accept Organic Chemistry I or Biochemistry.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry II
- Chemistry: Biochemistry
- Chemistry: Organic

Physics I

Recommend College Physics I.

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

Physics II

Recommend College Physics II.

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

Psychology

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

Social/Behavioral Science

Applicants may take Sociology, Philosophy, Ethics, Cultural Anthropology, or Psychology courses to fulfill the programs social and behavioral science prerequisites. 1 of 2 social/behavioral science courses required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Child• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports• Social/Behavioral Science: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology

Social/Behavioral Science

See description above. 2 of 2 social/behavioral science courses required.

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

Statistics

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

Upper Level Biology

Upper Level Biology-must be 300-400 level course and taken at a four year institution is preferred. Numerous variations are accepted - contact the program regarding specific courses.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• A&P: Pathophysiology• Biology: Embryology• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic• Exercise Physiology• Kinesiology

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	01/05/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Jan 15 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>All materials must be completed by the deadline to be processed by WSSU DPT.</p> <p>Open House Dates:</p> <p>Friday, September 11, 2020 @ 1-3 pm</p> <p>Friday , October 2, 2020 @1-3 pm</p> <p>Friday, November 6, 2020 @ 1-3 pm</p> <p>Friday, January 8, 2021 @ 1-3 pm</p> <p>Other Open house dates to be determined. Sign up for open house at: https://www.wssu.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/school-of-health-sciences/department-of-physical-therapy/application-process.html</p> <p>DO NOT contact the institution with questions about the status of your application or supplemental materials. WSSU will contact you directly regarding any missing items (check spam mail as well). Login to your application to check the status of materials sent to PTCAS.</p> <p>Applicants who meet the minimum GRE and GPA requirements will be directed to purchase and complete the CASPer online assessment, a situational judgment test that assesses non-academic attributes (your people skills). Once we have determined that you meet the GRE and GPA requirements, you will receive additional information concerning where and how to schedule the assessment. You are responsible for paying all assessment fees directly to Altus Assessments, who administers the CASPer, which include a \$25.00 base fee, and an additional fee of \$12.00 per each program to which you transmit your results. The CASPer consists of 12 sections and takes between 60-90 minutes to complete, and you can take the CASPer from virtually anywhere you have internet access. You can learn more about CASPer by visiting their website.</p>

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