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Program Name	Augustana University
General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information

Per CAPTE: This program has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE - 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

Program Description	<p>Augustana University's hybrid, accelerated Doctor of Physical Therapy program prepares graduates with the core skills needed to advance and lead within the physical therapy profession. Students will graduate in two years ready to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and serve their diverse communities. Graduates will be prepared to innovate, integrate career and service, solve unstructured and critical problems, embrace lifelong learning and professional development, and improve the human experience in a diverse world.</p> <p>Blending online education, hands-on lab immersions and clinical education, Augustana's DPT program utilizes technology and hybrid learning strategies to reach students in their chosen communities from around the country. The hybrid learning model brings together students and faculty from diverse backgrounds to learn with and from one another.</p> <p>Our DPT program is designed for the delivery of a contemporary and evidence-based curriculum delivered by faculty members and contributors who are dedicated educators, clinicians, researchers, and innovation leaders in their respective professions. Contemporary experts facilitate student learning and professional growth with student-centered active learning experiences, modeled clinical and scholarly excellence, and steadfast professionalism. Using a hybrid learning model, the curriculum combines the best aspects of online learning activities and interactions, hands-on laboratory immersive sessions, and collaborative clinical education experiences into an innovative and dynamic learning experience. In so doing, the program will transform physical therapy education, improve scalability and access, increase flexibility for traditional and non-traditional learners, increase the level of active learning in courses, and seek to achieve quality student experiences and outcomes, through disrupting the status quo of DPT education and practice.</p> <p>Augustana DPT is designed for qualified individuals who wish to further their academic studies and pursue a career in the field of physical therapy. The program specifically targets students from diverse backgrounds, who are adult learners, with the demonstrated potential to navigate the academic rigor of an accelerated, hybrid model DPT curriculum.</p> <p>Applications will be scored based on multiple criteria that includes academic and life experience factors : Application Rubric.</p> <p>We look forward to learning more about you!</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
Institution's Religious Affiliation	Lutheran
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	The DPT Admissions Committee will invite selected applicants to participate in an interview. Interviews will be conducted through an interactive video platform, no travel required, where students will record themselves responding to a short series of questions. Students will be provided a short amount of time to prepare their response following each prompt. All responses will be time-limited and single-take to assess the applicant's ability to respond in the moment.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1,000.00
Additional Information about Deposit	Accepted applicants are required to place a non-refundable deposit to hold their place in the class. This deposit will be applied towards their 1st trimester tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/16/2023
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$105000
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$105000
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	100
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	0
Additional information about the class profile	Recruiting and enrolling a diverse student body is an important goal for Augustana DPT. We expect to enroll a diverse student body from a wide range of geographical, social, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. This hybrid format may be particularly suitable for students located in regions with limited local options for physical therapy education. Our holistic admissions process provides consideration for additional factors including but not limited to: demonstrated ability to balance school/work/life obligations and stress, completion and performance in highly recommended courses, relevant work/volunteer/service experience, experience with healthcare (volunteer/observation/employment), military experience, socioeconomic background, geographical background, affiliation with an underrepresented or disadvantaged group, and being an Augustana alumnus. Admissions pathways specific to existing Augustana students/graduates, provided they meet all other admissions criteria, include: guaranteed admission for Athletic Training (MSAT) graduates, undergraduates awarded the Augustana Faculty Ethos Honor, and Augustana students meeting Viking Athlete Scholar academic requirements. Augustana graduates will also be provided preference on their application. More detail about Augustana Admissions Pathways can be found at https://www.augie.edu/academics/graduate-education/doctor-physical-therapy/admissions-pathways-students-and-graduates

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	Applicants will be required to submit a personal statement essay where they select from one of two possible prompts.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Personal Statement Essay
Is GRE Required?	No
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 accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Letters of recommendation from two people who can speak to the applicant's potential as a future physical therapist are required. One letter must be from a licensed physical therapist, the other letter can be from anyone the applicant chooses who can speak to their potential as a future physical therapist.
Information about your PT requirements	Observation hours are not required by the program, however they are considered as a part of the holistic admissions process. We encourage all applicants to take part in some form of clinical PT observation as this can provide valuable insight about whether physical therapy is the right fit for you.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are considered
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.0
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.0

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's GPA requirements	If the cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, an applicant may still be eligible for admission if a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher has been achieved over the last 60 semester/ trimester- or 90 quarter-hour credits of coursework. The Augustana DPT program recognizes the unusual challenges that applicants may have faced during their undergraduate educational experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many undergraduate institutions implemented temporary grading policies such as awarding pass/fail grades during 2020-2021 academic years. Such policies may adversely impact both the prerequisite and cumulative GPAs of applicants. The Admissions Committee is committed to considering these extenuating circumstances. Pass/fail grades will not be included in the calculation of cumulative GPAs. For prerequisite courses that are repeated, prerequisite GPA will be determined using the highest grade recorded on the transcript; however, both grades, if registered on the transcript, will be calculated into the cumulative GPA. Pass/fail grades given for prerequisite courses due to COVID-19 related circumstances, will not be included in the prerequisite GPA calculation. Prerequisite courses with a fail grade on a pass/fail system will not be accepted towards course requirements.
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?	Other
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	English Language Proficiency. We invite international students, and those whose primary language is not English, to apply to Augustana. Admission is granted to those who have excellent academic promise and achieved a minimum score on one of the following English proficiency exams. TOEFL (550 PBT or 79IBT), IELTS (6.0 overall band), Duolingo English Test (minimum 105/160) or equivalent scores on the MET, PTE, GTEC CBT, or EIKEN exams. For applicants who earned a degree from an institution whose language of instruction is English, and those who earned a degree from an institution within the United States, the documentation of English proficiency requirement is waived.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	The Augustana DPT program does not require a specific undergraduate major of study. Undergraduate coursework in specific areas that provide a foundation for graduate study in physical therapy are required, with other courses being strongly recommended. The strongest applicants will have taken all the required prerequisite courses, and several of the recommended courses prior to entering the program. Anatomy and Physiology coursework must have been completed within 10 years of matriculation into the DPT program, OR applicants must provide evidence of relevant and ongoing work experiences in the topic area that have kept their knowledge current. However, applicants are strongly recommended to take refresher courses as needed to ensure they are well-prepared for the accelerated nature of the DPT program. Required prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C or higher in each course and a prerequisite course GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Conditional acceptance may be granted if prerequisite coursework is in progress, with full admission granted pending course completion. For prerequisite courses that are repeated, prerequisite GPA will be determined using the highest grade recorded on the transcript; however, both grades, if registered on the transcript, will be calculated into the cumulative GPA. Pass/fail grades given for prerequisite courses due to COVID-19 related circumstances, will not be included in the prerequisite GPA calculation. Prerequisite courses with a fail grade on a pass/fail system will not be accepted towards course requirements. AP courses taken in high school that are accepted by the student's undergraduate program to fulfill degree requirements will count towards pre-requisite requirements so long as they appear on the undergraduate transcript. Courses that meet multiple criteria may be considered for multiple topic areas (e.g., Exercise Physiology could count towards additional Biology/Physiology, Exercise Science, and Highly Recommended courses, and could even fulfill the Writing Course requirement if your course included a major writing project). Preference points for admission will be awarded to applicants who have completed highly recommended courses (list below) with a grade of B or higher. Exercise Physiology Biomechanics Motor Control & Motor Learning Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry Genetics Computer and Data Science Communications/Public Speaking Ethics, Medical Ethics, Bioethics Nutrition Health & Wellness, Community Health, Population Health Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Sports Psychology Research Methods, Experimental Design
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.augie.edu/academics/graduate-education/doctor-physical-therapy/dpt-prerequisite-information

Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Anatomy & Physiology I - structure and function of the human body at the tissue, organ and system level and function, integration, and coordination of the organ systems of the human body, homeostatic control mechanisms, basic human physiological responses. Students are required to have one term of Human Anatomy with lab AND one term of Human Physiology with lab OR two terms of Combined Anatomy & Physiology (I & II) with labs. Anatomy and Physiology coursework must have been completed within 10 years of matriculation into the DPT program, OR applicants must provide evidence of relevant and ongoing work experiences in the topic area that have kept their knowledge current. However, applicants are strongly recommended to take refresher courses as needed to ensure they are well-prepared for the accelerated nature of the DPT program.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
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Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Anatomy & Physiology II - structure and function of the human body at the tissue, organ and system level and function, integration, and coordination of the organ systems of the human body, homeostatic control mechanisms, basic human physiological responses. Students are required to have one term of Human Anatomy with lab AND one term of Human Physiology with lab OR two terms of Combined Anatomy & Physiology (I & II) with labs. Anatomy and Physiology coursework must have been completed within 10 years of matriculation into the DPT program, OR applicants must provide evidence of relevant and ongoing work experiences in the topic area that have kept their knowledge current. However, applicants are strongly recommended to take refresher courses as needed to ensure they are well-prepared for the accelerated nature of the DPT program.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
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Biology / Biological Science

Additional Physiology or Biology Course - Preferred content should include the study of biological or physiological processes beyond basic introductory coursework. Acceptable courses for fulfilling this requirement will typically have General Biology or Human Physiology as a prerequisite and will build on topics introduced in those courses. Any Physiology or Biology course beyond introductory level will be accepted

Course Level	Upper Division
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Any• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Biology: Zoology
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Biology I

Biology - The study of genetic, ecological, and evolutionary concepts, major taxonomic groupings of plants and animals, photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and the physiological processes responsible for control and integration in both plants and animals. Should cover principles of biological organization from molecular through ecological levels. Biology I (laboratory required) should include: cellular structure and function, biological molecules, genetics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms, development and physiological processes of plants and animals (reproduction, nutrition, respiration, transport systems)

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Any• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II
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Chemistry I

Chemistry - Introductory level college chemistry courses including study of matter and energy, chemical bonding, reactions, equilibrium, gas laws, thermochemistry, and thermodynamics. Chemistry I (laboratory required) - overview of fundamentals including measurements, atomic, molecular, and electronic structure, bonding, stoichiometry, compounds and chemical reactions, thermochemistry, gases, liquids, and solutions, and nuclear chemistry

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

Chemistry - Introductory level college chemistry courses including study of matter and energy, chemical bonding, reactions, equilibrium, gas laws, thermochemistry, and thermodynamics. Chemistry II (laboratory required) - overview of fundamentals including physical properties of liquids and solids, chemical kinetics, equilibrium, acids and bases (including buffers), thermodynamics, and electrochemistry.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Any
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English Composition / Writing

Composition/Writing - Preferred content should include English language structure, rules of composition and grammar. Any course that includes a focus on written communication (Note: Please provide course description from course catalog or syllabus if course title/number does not clearly indicate writing component)

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Applicable
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any course that includes a focus on written communication• English Composition• English Composition I• English Composition II• English Department Course• Technical Writing• Writing
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Physical Activity or Education

Exercise Science - Preferred content should include an application of foundational principles to human performance as it relates to exercise, injury rehabilitation, training, and/or sport. Any Kinesiology/Exercise Science course will be accepted

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Any course offered through Exercise Science or Kinesiology• Exercise Physiology• Health• Nutrition• Physical Activity or Education• Psychology: Sports• Wellness
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Physics I

Physics - Introductory level college physics courses including classical physics (fundamental laws of mechanics, heat, electromagnetism, optics, conservation principles), with some exposure to modern physics (relativity, quantum theory, atomic, nuclear, and solid-state physics). Physics I - kinematics and dynamics of particles and systems of particles, including Newton's laws, energy and momentum, rotation, oscillations, and waves.

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

Physics II

Physics - Introductory level college physics courses including classical physics (fundamental laws of mechanics, heat, electromagnetism, optics, conservation principles), with some exposure to modern physics (relativity, quantum theory, atomic, nuclear, and solid-state physics). Physics II - electricity and magnetism, electromagnetic devices, electromagnetic behavior of materials, applications to simple circuits, electromagnetic radiation, and an introduction to optical phenomena.

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

Psychology

Psychology/Sociology - Preferred content should include study of human behavior at the individual and/or group level with consideration for cultural differences and societal influences. Any Psychology or Sociology course will be accepted

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Sociology or Psychology course will be accepted • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Advanced • Psychology: Any • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: General I • Psychology: General II • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports • Social/Behavioral Science: Advanced • Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology • Social/Behavioral Science: Any • Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Criminal Justice • Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography • Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies • Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality • Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family • Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work • Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology • Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies

Statistics

Statistics - levels of measurement, measures of central tendency, measures of variability, population distributions, inferential statistics, comparison of means, comparison of multiple means, parametric and non-parametric statistics. Any Statistics course will be accepted (Note: Experimental Designs/Research Methods courses must include the statistics concepts listed above.)

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any course that covers statistics will be accepted • Biology: Biostatistics • Business: Statistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/01/2023
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	April 17, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>The Augustana DPT program uses a rolling admissions format. The DPT Admissions Committee reviews completed applications (i.e., application and all supporting materials received) in the order of receipt as they are submitted. Applicants will be notified of their status (Admit, Waitlist, Deny) within 60 days of application submission.</p> <p>The planned size for each class is set at 100 students per cohort, and enrollment is targeted to be within ten percent of the planned class size. Once 100 students have been accepted into a cohort, other applicants meeting admission criteria and recommended for acceptance are added to a waitlist. If seats become available, the Admissions Committee will use the waitlist to offer admission to rank-ordered applicants. These procedures allow for the maintenance of planned class size while also preventing over-enrollment.</p> <p>Applications will be scored based on multiple criteria that includes academic and life experience factors : Application Rubric.</p>

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