Physical Therapy
D.P.T.

Program Description
Physical therapy is a dynamic health profession dedicated to the promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life. Physical therapists improve the ability of an individual of any age to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability whether it is from disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature, or chronic.

Physical therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, workplaces, outpatient clinics, and hospitals. For further information about the profession of physical therapy, contact the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) at apta.org.

The professional program consists of 108 semester hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses. All didactic course work is offered by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This program begins in the summer of every year with didactic and clinical course work.

Graduates of the program receive a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree and are eligible to sit for the national licensure examination upon meeting state licensure requirements.

Admission Requirements
The OUHSC Doctor of Physical Therapy has joined the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Applicants must complete both the PTCAS application and the OUHSC application. To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- complete a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program;
- complete at least 6 of the 8 departmental prerequisite courses with grades of C or better by the application deadline;
- complete the remaining two departmental prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher prior to enrollment in the program;
- be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
- earn a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for each grade point average in all college work and natural science courses attempted. The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve policies. All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPAs;
- document 40 hours of observation experience;
- submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores by the application deadline. The PTCAS GRE Designated Institution Code for the DPT program at OUHSC is 7426; GRE’s web address is gre.org; and
- complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for students whom English is a second language and must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application. TOEFL’s web address is toefl.org.
Admission Prerequisites
Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check the Transfer Equivalencies Database on the College of Allied Health web page (alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu) or your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours
- Developmental Psychology (3 hrs)
- General Chemistry with lab (4-5 hrs)
- Human Anatomy (4-5 hrs)
- Human Physiology (4 hrs)
- Concepts in Biology or Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys (4-5 hrs)
- Physics I (4 hrs)
- Physics II (4 hrs)
- Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)

Equivalent course substitutions for OU’s course numbers include PSY 2113, COMM 2513, or ECON 2843.

Application Procedure
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the Physical Therapy program will be posted the latter part of April.
3. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification.
4. Students accepted for admission are required to confirm their intention to enroll and attend by paying a non-refundable deposit on enrollment. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

Estimated Program Costs
Please go to ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp to review the tuition and fees as well as additional cost information. Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office by email at financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

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