

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 program requires applicants to complete both the PTCAS application and the OUHSC application. To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

1. Submit a completed on-line application through the [PTCAS](http://ptcas.com) and [OUHSC](http://ouhsc.edu). The OUHSC DPT Program encourages you to **APPLY EARLY!** Completed applications (PTCAS + OUHSC) by October 1, 2020 will be given PRIORITY consideration. Applications that are not complete by the October 1st deadline will not be considered for admission until the



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1. firm deadline of February 1, 2021. It is possible that up to 50% of the class could be filled prior to the firm deadline of February 1. (Beginning with the 2022 application cycle, there will be a firm deadline of October 1, 2021.);
2. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program;
3. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
4. Earn a 2.75 cumulative and a 2.75 science grade point average on a 4.0 scale as calculated by PTCAS. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a "P" or "S" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The required 2.75 grade point averages still apply. 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;
5. Complete all prerequisite courses with grades of C or better prior to beginning the program. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a "P" or "S" due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
6. We recommend 40 hours of physical therapy observation; however, they are NOT required. Applicants should explore the [APTA website](http://apta.org) to learn more about careers in physical therapy;
7. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities (including OU and OUHSC transcripts if you have taken courses there) attended and non-refundable application fees through [PTCAS](http://ptcas.com) by the application deadline.;
8. Submit [Graduate Record Examination](http://www.ets.org) (GRE) scores prior to the application deadline. The

- PTCAS GRE Designated Institution Code for the DPT program at OUHSC is 7426;
9. If English is a second language, submit [Test of English as a Foreign Language](#) (TOEFL) scores. Applicants must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) within two years of application. The PTCAS TOEFL Designated Institution Code for the DPT program at OUHSC is 7426. The department may waive TOEFL scores if the applicant provides evidence of graduation from a U.S. High School or a 4-year Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution;
 10. Coursework from colleges or universities outside of the US, must have transcripts/mark sheets processed through [World Education Services](#) (WES); and
 11. All official, sealed transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (if applicable) must be received by the application deadline. Late transcripts and test scores will result in an automatic denial.

Please note: If you plan on applying to the program this year, submit an official, sealed transcript from every institution attended **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** through the [PTCAS](#) system. ALL transcripts and scores must be entered through the on-line [PTCAS](#) system. After fall grades have been posted, please update your PTCAS application **ASAP**.

Admission Prerequisites

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check the Transfer Equivalencies Database on the College of Allied Health web page (<https://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)
- 1** Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)

¹ Equivalent course substitutions for OU's course numbers include PSY 2003, PSY 2113, COMM 2513, or ECON 2843.

Application Procedure

1. By **October 1** (preferred) or no later than **February 1**, follow the step-by-step process for successful application: <http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/> and <http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx>.
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the program will be posted after decisions are made.
3. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification.
4. Students accepted for admission must 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. 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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