

Florida Southern College  
School of Physical Therapy Admissions Requirements

Application requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in any discipline from a regionally accredited institution may be in progress at time of application. However, the degree must be awarded prior to matriculation into Florida Southern College School of Physical Therapy Program.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 (on 4.00 scale) in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate degree.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 (on 4.00 scale) for all prerequisite courses. Each prerequisite course considered must be greater than a "C".
- Minimum GRE scores of 146 for verbal reasoning; 144 for quantitative reasoning; and 3 on the analytical writing portion.
- A minimum of 25 hours of demonstrable exposure to PT as evidenced by volunteer and/or paid work experience in a PT setting.
- Three letters of recommendation: 1 from a licensed physical therapist (from applicant's volunteer or work experience in a PT setting); 1 from a college level faculty member who has had you in class or was a program advisor; and 1 from either of the following: a licensed physical therapist or a supervisor/employer.
- An on-campus interview by invitation only.
- A resume will only be required for students who are offered an interview by the school. Once requested, the applicant will email the resume directly to the school.

Applicants not meeting these minimum requirements will not be considered for admission to the School of Physical Therapy. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee an applicant interview or admission to the program. All applicants and admitted students to the School of Physical Therapy must certify in writing that they are able to perform certain Essential Functions in order to participate and complete program requirements.

Approximately, thirty-six (36) students will be admitted to the School of Physical Therapy each year.

Application

The first year each applicant is required to submit a complete application to the FSC School of Physical Therapy via the link on the FSC website. The second year the application will be available on PTCAS, a centralized application service for physical therapy schools.

Prerequisite GPA

The first year all official transcripts must be sent to the FSC Registrar. A copy of all transcripts are sent to the Admissions Coordinator for the School of Physical Therapy for prerequisite GPA calculation. The second year all transcripts will go through PTCAS.

Each prerequisite course that is considered must be completed with greater than a "C" grade. **No more than two prerequisite courses may be in progress during the fall semester prior to FSC School of Physical Therapy's start date and no more than one course may in progress during the spring semester prior to the school's start date.** Courses older than ten years will not be accepted. Online courses are **not** accepted for the following prerequisites: biology courses, anatomy courses, physiology courses, physics courses, or chemistry courses.

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Table 1: Prerequisite Table

| Minimum Required Semester Hours | Prerequisite Courses   | Acceptable Courses   | Florida Southern College Course Equivalent   |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 8 Total Semester Hours          | General Biology I with Lab   | Cell Biology or General Biology I  | BIO 1500 – Biology I: Biological Essentials  |
|                                 | General Biology II with Lab  | Cell, Embryology, General Biology II, Genetics, Histology, Immunology, Microbiology, Molecular, Zoology, Botany.   | BIO 1600 – Biology II: Biological Diversity  |
| 8 Total Semester Hours          | Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab<br><b>OR</b><br>Human Anatomy with Lab     | Human Anatomy and Physiology I<br><b>OR</b><br>Human Anatomy<br><br>**Either option MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department     | BIO 2215 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I  |
|                                 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab<br><b>OR</b><br>Human Physiology with Lab | Human Anatomy and Physiology II<br><b>OR</b><br>Human Physiology<br><br>**Either option MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department | BIO 2216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II   |
| 8 Total Semester Hours          | General Chemistry I with Lab   | General Chemistry I  | CHE 1111 – Principles of Chemistry I   |
|                                 | General Chemistry II with Lab  | General Chemistry II, Biochemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, <b>OR</b> Organic Chemistry   | CHE 1112 – Principles of Chemistry II<br><b>OR</b> CHE 2221 Organic Chemistry I  |
| 4 Semester Hours                | Physics I with Lab   | Physics I  | PHY 2010 – General Physics I (algebra based) and PHY 2051 – General Physics Lab I<br><b>OR</b><br>PHY 2110 General Physics I (calculus based) and PHY 2051 General Physics Lab I |
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| 4 Semester Hours | Physics II with Lab  | Physics II  | PHY 2020 – General Physics II (algebra based) and PHY 2052 – General Physics Lab II<br><b>OR</b><br>PHY 2120 General Physics II (calculus based) and PHY 2052 General Physics Lab II |
| 3 Semester Hours | General Psychology   | General Psychology  | PSY 1106 – Psychology and The Social World   |
| 3 Semester Hours | Lifespan Development | Developmental Psychology  | PSY 2209 – Developmental Psychology  |
| 3 Semester Hours | Abnormal Psychology  | Abnormal Psychology   | PSY 2214 – Abnormal Psychology   |
| 3 Semester Hours | Statistics           | Math Statistics, Biostatistics, <b>OR</b> Psychology Statistics – but course must include both descriptive and inferential statistics | MAT 2022 Elementary Statistics; MAT 2032 Biostatistics; PSY 2210 – Tests and Measurements  |

Final: 9/27/17

