Florida Southern College
School of Physical Therapy Admissions Requirements

Fall 2020 Application requirements:

- A bachelor’s degree in any discipline from a regionally accredited institution may be in progress at the time of application. However, the degree must be awarded prior to matriculation into the Florida Southern College School of Physical Therapy Program.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 (on 4.00 scale) in the last 60 credit hours of college course work.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 (on 4.00 scale) for all prerequisite courses. Only one C will be accepted for prerequisite courses. All other prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C+” grade or better (see below for additional details).
- Minimum GRE scores of 146 for verbal reasoning; 144 for quantitative reasoning; and 3 on the analytical writing portion. Florida Southern College PTCAS has been assigned GRE Designated Institution (DI) Code 4525.
- 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.
- A resume may be requested for students who are offered an interview by the school.
- An on-campus interview by invitation only.

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

All applications must be submitted through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) via the website: http://www.ptcas.org/

Prerequisite GPA

Each prerequisite course that is considered must be completed with a "C+" grade or better. If your college/university does not offer +/- grading, then you must have a "B" or higher. For separate lecture and lab grades, they may be averaged for a maximum of two courses. Only one of the prerequisite courses may be a “C” grade.

No more than two prerequisite courses may be in progress during the spring semester prior to FSC School of Physical Therapy’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. In the event of a course with an online lecture paired with a face to face (F2F) lab, this may be acceptable. You will need to contact the School of Physical Therapy for verification.
Table 1: Prerequisite Table

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

An applicant can petition any of their previous coursework for acceptance to the School of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee utilizing the following procedure:

1. An applicant writes a formal letter to Dr. Alex Siyufy. The formal letter and any supporting documentation should be submitted as an attachment to an email (asiyufy@flsouthern.edu).
   - Supporting documentation may include items such as course syllabi, course assignments, and letters from the course instructor. The GPA calculation spreadsheet (available via the FSC website) must be included for Last 60 and Prerequisite GPA completed to date.
   - Note: Only the formal letter and accompanying attachments will be reviewed. Any requests made in the body of an email will not be considered for review.

2. The letter and any attachments will be presented to the Admission Committee at the next meeting (meetings typically convene every 2 weeks, however, this depends on the time of year).

3. Each letter is reviewed by the Admissions Committee on a case-by-case basis and a decision will be communicated to the applicant via email.

Final: 5/20/19
Edits: 5/30/18; 6/20/18; 8/6/18; 5/17/19

CAPTE Statement

Effective 5/15/19, Florida Southern College School of Physical Therapy has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 863-680-5126 or email nnuzzo@flsouthern.edu.

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 technical/professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.