

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 college course work.
- 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.
- Personal statement: Describe a meaningful experience in your life. Reflect on how that experience influenced your personal growth, such as your attitudes or perceptions.
- 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. In the event of a course with an online lecture paired with a face to face lab, this may be acceptable. You will need to contact the School of Physical Therapy for verification.

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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 OR Human Anatomy with Lab	Human Anatomy and Physiology I OR Human Anatomy **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 OR Human Physiology with Lab	Human Anatomy and Physiology II OR Human Physiology **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, OR Organic Chemistry	CHE 1112 – Principles of Chemistry II OR 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 OR 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 OR 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, OR Psychology Statistics – but course must include both descriptive and inferential statistics	MAT 2022 Elementary Statistics; MAT 2032 Biostatistics; PSY 2210 – Tests and Measurements

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).
 - o **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.

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CAPTE Statement

Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Florida Southern College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program is planning to submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the Pre-accreditation stage, on December 1, 2018. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.