



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

How to Prepare to Apply to DPT Programs

An At-A-Glance Guide to Becoming a Strong Candidate for Admission



- Identify the primary and secondary programs to which you want to apply.
- Review the websites of programs to which you intend to apply.
- Make sure that you meet or exceed all program requirements:
 - Have you taken all of the prerequisite courses?
 - Is your GPA high enough?
 - Do you have sufficient clinical observation hours?
 - Have you taken the GRE?
- Do not call the PT program without having reviewed the program's website.
- Apply via PTCAS early (check the program application dates for individual programs).
- Attend any available open houses/information sessions:
 - Get to know the faculty members and allow them to get to know you (at least by name recognition).
 - Dress professionally.
- If possible, take courses recommended by the program—even if they are not required.
- Take the application essay very seriously! Faculty members review essays and critically assess how students write with respect to organization, reasoning, grammar, punctuation, etc.
- Often the application process is weighted, meaning higher GPAs and GREs are awarded more points. Do the best you can in all areas to maximize your overall score.
- If the program conducts interviews, always participate and dress professionally.
- Prepare for the interview:
 - Review the APTA Vision and Code of Ethics.
 - Prepare to answer questions like, "Where do you see the profession in five years?" or, "Where do you see yourself in five years?"
- Come with questions to ask the faculty about the program:
 - Review the program's history and mission.
 - Read faculty profiles and research interests.
- Be prepared to defend why you are the one that should be accepted over other individuals with the same credentials.
- Be yourself, smile, and don't forget to breathe during an interview process!

Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA, 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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PROGRAM CURRICULUM - 108 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

Year 1		
FALL (16 weeks)	SPRING (16 weeks)	SUMMER (15 weeks)
DPT 7110 Human Anatomy for Physical Therapy (6)	DPT 7210 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I (4)	DPT 7310 Physical Therapy Rehabilitation I (4)
DPT 7120 Kinesiology/Biomechanics for Physical Therapy (3)	DPT 7220 Physical Therapy Clinical Assessment II (3)	DPT 7320 Neuroscience for Physical Therapy (4)
DPT 7130 Physical Therapy Clinical Assessment I (3)	DPT 7230 Acute Care Physical Therapy (2)	DPT 7330 Administration for Physical Therapy (2)
DPT 7140 Pathophysiology for Physical Therapy (3)	DPT 7240 Pharmacology for Physical Therapy (2)	DPT 7350 Evidence-Based Physical Therapist Practice II (2)
DPT 7150 Evidence-Based Physical Therapist Practice I (1)	DPT 7250 Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy (3)	DPT 7360 Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) III (2)
DPT 7160 Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) I (2)	DPT 7260 Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) II (2)	Information Hour 3 (0)
Information Hour 1 (0)	Information Hour 2 (0)	
Total (18)	Total (16)	Total (14)
Year 2		
FALL 1 (10 weeks)	SPRING (16 weeks)	SUMMER (10 weeks)
DPT 7480 Physical Therapy Clinical Education Practicum I (10)	DPT 7510 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II (4)	DPT 7680 Physical Therapy Clinical Education Practicum II (10)
	DPT 7520 Geriatric Physical Therapy (4)	
FALL 2 (4 weeks)	DPT 7530 Pediatric Physical Therapy (4)	
DPT 7410 Physical Therapy Rehabilitation II (4)	DPT 7540 Advanced Clinical Lifespan Problem Solving (2)	
DPT 7460 Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) IV (1)	DPT 7550 Evidence-Based Physical Therapist Practice III (2)	
Information Hour 4 (0)	DPT 7560 Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) V (1)	
	DPT 7570 NPTE Review (1)	
	Information Hour 5 (0)	
Total (15)	Total (18)	Total (10)
Year 3		
FALL (16 weeks)		
DPT 7780 Physical Therapy Clinical Education Practicum III (16)		
(1 week)		
DPT 7790 Physical Therapy Seminar (1)		
Total (17)		