



# FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

# DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Through dynamic engaged learning experiences the School of Physical Therapy prepares entry-level physical therapy practitioners to provide patient-centered, evidence-based care, and have a positive impact on the community.



## About Florida Southern College

Florida Southern College (FSC) is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious U.S. News and World Report and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the Princeton Review. Being the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, our students enjoy our location with its ease of access to surrounding areas.

## Program Overview

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program features a traditional model of instruction with lecture, labs, clinical practicum, and embedded community education experiences.

- A new cohort begins once per year every August
- 36 weeks of full-time clinical practicums
- 108 semester credit hours
- 8 full-time faculty
- Strong curriculum with integrated dynamic engaged learning experiences in the community

## Strengths of the Program

Florida Southern has multiple strengths that make it well suited to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

- Outstanding faculty with extensive experience as practitioners and educators
- Earn a DPT Degree in 2.5 years
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Excellent relationships with local health care providers

## Small Classes

Our classes are all face-to-face. All students will progress together as a cohort until graduation. In this intimate setting, you'll have the benefit of hands-on learning and extra attention from your professors.

## Accelerated Program

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is offered in an accelerated format that will allow you to complete the program in 2.5 years. This gives you a jump start on earning your licensure and applying for jobs.



## Prerequisite Courses

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better (C- does not meet this requirement). Courses older than 10 years old will not be accepted. Online courses are not accepted for biology, anatomy, physiology, physics, or chemistry. In the event a course with an online lecture is paired with a face-to-face lab, this may be acceptable. Please contact the School of Physical Therapy for verification. No more than two prerequisite courses may be in progress during the spring semester prior to the FSC School of Physical Therapy start date.

- General Biology I with Lab (4 hours)
- General Biology II with Lab (4 hours)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab OR Human Anatomy with Lab (4 hours)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab OR Human Physiology with Lab (4 hours)
- General Chemistry I with Lab (4 hours)
- General Chemistry II with Lab (4 hours)
- Physics I with Lab (4 hours)
- Physics II with Lab (4 hours)
- General Psychology (3 hours)
- One Additional Psychology Course (3 hours) such as Lifespan Development or Abnormal Psychology
- Statistics (3 hours)

\*Please refer to [www.flsouthern.edu/DPT](http://www.flsouthern.edu/DPT) for acceptable course substitutions which can be found in the *How to Apply* section under the *Admission Requirements* pdf.

## Application Requirements

- Completed PTCAS application
- Official transcripts of all academic work
- Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours of coursework
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 for all prerequisite courses
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admission. The GRE code for Florida Southern College/PTCAS is 4525.
- A minimum of 25 hours of volunteer and/or paid work experience in a PT setting.
- Two letters of recommendation. One from a Licensed Physical Therapist (from your volunteer experience or work experience in a PT setting). One from one of the following areas: a college-level faculty member who had you in a class or was your program advisor, supervisor/employer, teaching assistant, pre-PT advisor, or collegiate-level coach.
- On-campus interview (invitation only)
- A résumé may be required for students who are offered an interview by the school.

**Application materials should be submitted electronically via PTCAS.**

## Financial Aid

Students are eligible for private scholarships as well as federal loans.

## Next Steps

- Complete the application online at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org)
- Application Questions? Contact us by phone at **863-680-4718** or by email at [FSCDPTadmissions@flsouthern.edu](mailto:FSCDPTadmissions@flsouthern.edu).
- Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FSC.DPT](http://www.facebook.com/FSC.DPT)



## Accreditation

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave. Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703.706.3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Dr. Nancy Nuzzo at 863.680.5126 or email [nnuzzo@flsouthern.edu](mailto:nnuzzo@flsouthern.edu).

