

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Physical therapy is a dynamic health profession dedicated to the promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life. Physical therapists improve the ability of an individual of any age to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability whether it is from disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature, or chronic.

Physical therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, workplaces, outpatient clinics, and hospitals. For further information about the profession of physical therapy, contact the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) at www.apta.org.

The professional program consists of 108 semester hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses. All didactic course work is offered by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This program begins in the summer of every year with didactic and clinical course work.

Graduates of the program receive a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree and are eligible to sit for the national licensure examination upon meeting state licensure requirements.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- complete a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program;
- complete at least **6 of the 8** departmental prerequisite courses with grades of C or better by the application deadline;
- complete the remaining two departmental prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher prior to enrollment in the program;
- be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
- earn a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for each grade point average in all college work and natural science courses attempted;
- document 40 hours of observation experience;
- submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores by the application deadline; and
- complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for students whom English is a second language and must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application. TOEFL's web address is <http://www.toefl.org>.

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges or universities. Check the Prerequisite Finder at <http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/prereqs/> or with your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

Developmental Psychology (3 hrs)
General Chemistry with lab (4-5 hrs)
Human Anatomy (4-5 hrs)
Human Physiology (4 hrs)
Introduction to Zoology (4 hrs)
Physics I (4 hrs)
Physics II (4 hrs)
Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. By **February 1** of the year in which admission is sought, follow the step-by-step process for successful application:
<http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/application.asp>.
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the Physical Therapy program will be mailed in April.
3. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification. Alternates will be selected according to numerical ranking.
4. Students accepted for admission are required to confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

EARLY ADMISSION

Early Admission is available for students meeting certain criteria:

<http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/Programs/showprograms2onsec.asp?PID=21&PGID=5&PSC=EARLYADMISSREQS>

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition is approximately \$4,227.00 per semester for Oklahoma residents. Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office by email at financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or call (405) 271-2118.

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