

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2020-2021
OU Health Science Center, College of Allied Health
Oklahoma City and Tulsa

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A baccalaureate degree is required of all candidates entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at OU. While pursuing a baccalaureate degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a C or better to qualify for admission to the DPT program.

CHEM 1103 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1112 General Chemistry I Lab
BIO 1114 General Biology **OR** BIO 1204 Principles of Biology
BIO 1211 University Life Sciences
BIO 2504 Human Anatomy and Lab
BIO 2604 Human Physiology and Lab, Concurrent enrollment in BIO 2604L is required.
BIO 2604L Human Physiology Lab
PHY 1114 General Physics I. Concurrent enrollment in PHY 1114L is required.
PHY 1214 General Physics II. Concurrent enrollment in PHY 1214L is required.
PSY 2833 Developmental Psychology
STAT 2103 Intro Statistics for Sciences (or PSY 2753 or STAT 2113)

If you are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss this with your academic advisor.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials. To be considered for admission to the Physical Therapy Program an applicant must:

1. Have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing, a baccalaureate degree (by the end of enrollment) and all the prerequisite courses from an accredited college or university.
2. Be in a good standing with the college or university last or currently attending.
3. Have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all college work and science courses attempted. **A recently admitted class had an average GPA of 3.79 overall and a 3.54 science GPA.** The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness. All attempts of a course are included in the GPA calculation. See this link for which courses are included in the calculation of Science GPA:
<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/Science%20%26%20Non-Science%20GPA%20Courses.pdf>
4. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. If coursework was completed outside the U.S., have all transcripts processed through the World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>)
5. Have completed 6 of the 8 departmental prerequisite courses with the grade of C or better by the application deadline and all departmental prerequisite courses with grade of C or better by matriculation.
6. Document 40 hours of observation experience in a physical therapy setting prior to application. Make sure to use the OU Observation Form.
To get started, call a facility that employs Physical Therapists and ask if they will allow you to job shadow or contact one of the professionals identified on the OUHSC College of Allied Health Shadowing Map:
<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Job-Shadow-a-Health-Professional>
7. Submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. **A recently admitted class had average GRE scores of 302/4.0.**
8. Students for whom English is a second language must submit a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) applications on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
9. Submit a completed online application through the PTCAS and OUHSC application service.

Application Procedure

1. Complete an online application through PTCAS and OUHSC by February 1.
Application is online at <http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ApplyingtoaProgram.aspx> and ptcas.org and submit:
 - A completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application
 - Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. If coursework was completed outside the U.S., have all transcripts processed through the World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>)
 - Documentation of observation experience (40 hours)
 - GRE scores
 - Non-refundable application fees
 - TOEFL scores if English is a second language
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the Physical Therapy program will be mailed the latter part of April. If notification is not received by May 1st, contact the department.
3. The application must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification and confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term or the position will be considered declined. Alternates will be selected according to numerical ranking. Alternates may be admitted up to the first class day for the summer term if all positions have not been filled.

A recently admitted class had the following academic averages: 650 Applied / 68 Admitted / 3.74 avg. Cumulative GPA / 3.51 avg. Science GPA / GRE ~ avg. verbal + quantitative = 301 / avg. analytical writing = 3.9

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical therapists are 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 therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, one's workplace, outpatient clinics, and hospitals. Physical therapists provide direct patient service, consultation, and education and physical therapists are often engaged in research. They also serve in administrative capacities, including supervising and delegating responsibilities to members of the physical therapy service. Physical therapists enter practice as generalists and may later become board-certified specialists. Physical therapists work closely with members of a patient's team. Physical therapists are also engaged in the development of new approaches of intervention that will more effectively meet existing and emerging health needs in society, including health promotion and disability prevention programs. Physical therapists are dedicated to improving the ability of individuals to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability: disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature or chronic. They are effective working with people of any age with a wide variety of functional limitations. Physical therapists also contribute to the development of relevant health policy.

Salary: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average annual salary for physical therapists is nearly **\$84,000**

Two campuses are available for this program: OUHSC in Oklahoma City and OU Tulsa

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For more information about PT's and PT programs: <http://www.apta.org>

For the latest information about the OU PT program and how to apply: <https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Academic-Programs/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-DPT-#13897142-program-description>

For OU physical therapy program information and assistance with application materials, contact:

Office of Academic & Student Services (405) 271-6588, alliedhelath-info@ouhsc.edu. University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Allied Health P.O. Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73190.

To apply to other PT programs: <http://www.ptcas.org/>