



PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

UNDERGRADUATE PATH TO A
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DEGREE



Physical Therapy is one of the most popular fields within the healthcare industry and Franklin Pierce offers you a long-term plan from your first year on campus. If you do not pursue the Direct Admit (4+2.5) Program, you may choose to explore the Undergraduate Path to a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree. Health Sciences and Biology are commonly selected undergraduate programs of study, however, you may focus in any discipline, so long as the major requirements and course prerequisites have been met. In order to be considered for admission to the DPT program, you must maintain the following standards:

- Achieve a minimum 3.00/4.00 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in all coursework
- Complete 40 hours of observation or work in varied physical therapy settings
- Complete all science coursework with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 achieved in the following courses:
 - Anatomy and Physiology (2 semesters)
 - General Biology (2 semesters)
 - Chemistry (2 semesters)
 - Physics (2 semesters)
 - Psychology Course
 - Statistics

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DIRECT ADMIT INTO DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Franklin Pierce University offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) through its College of Health and Natural Sciences. Special consideration is offered for undergraduates who enrolled as freshmen and completed their bachelor's degree at Franklin Pierce University. The level of consideration will depend upon the student's qualifications and ability to satisfy the established criteria for either conditional acceptance or a guaranteed interview as described below.

Special consideration for entrance into the FPU DPT program is offered for undergraduates in three pathways:

- 1. Freshman DPT Direct Admit:** High School Seniors who meet specific requirements are guaranteed entrance into the FPU DPT program upon satisfactory completion of the requirements for entrance into the DPT program (See below).
- 2. Current FPU Student DPT Direct Admit:** Current students who meet the established levels of academic success in the undergraduate courses can apply for DPT Direct Admit in their first three years of undergraduate work. These students will have guaranteed entrance into the FPU DPT program upon satisfactory completion of the requirements for entrance into the DPT program (See below).
- 3. Preferential FPU Application review for current student into the FPU DPT program:** Students who have completed or will complete a bachelor's degree before the start of the next DPT class at Franklin Pierce University will be given preferential status in the application process. (See below)

ENTRANCE INTO THE DPT DIRECT ADMIT PROGRAM

- 1. Freshman DPT Direct Admit:** Admission Requirements for High School Applicants • Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA), in academic courses only, of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (84/100) • Equivalent of four years of math with a final grade of B+ (87/100) or higher in each class • Equivalent of four years of science with a final grade of B+ (87/100) or higher in each class • Minimum SAT scores of 610 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 570 in Math or Minimum ACT scores of 24 in English and Math Sections • Demonstrated leadership through community and school activities; related healthcare experience is highly desirable. Please note: you must submit SAT or ACT scores to be considered for this program.
- 2. Current FPU Student DPT Direct Admit/**Criteria to apply for entrance into the DPT Direct Admit program after entering FPU:
 - Must be a currently enrolled FPU student at the time of application
 - Application must be completed before May 15 a year prior to expected entrance to DPT program (ie: if expected entrance to DPT is Fall of 2023, application deadline is May 15, 2023).
 - Completion of at least 3 science pre-requisites of the DPT program
 - Cumulative and science GPA of a 3.4 or better in all college coursework
 - Recommendation by academic advisor

PROGRESSION QUALIFICATIONS FOR DPT DIRECT ADMIT PROGRAM:

To successfully progress from undergraduate studies into the DPT program by Direct Admit, students must meet the following qualifications. These qualifications will be evaluated annually by advisors. Students who do not maintain these pre-requisites will forfeit the guaranteed admission into the DPT program.

Minimum grade of "B" in each of the following pre-requisite courses:

- Biology I
- Biology II
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Physics I
- Physics II
- Statistics (or Statistics for Behavioral Science)
- One course in Psychology at the 100-level or above
 - Achieved a minimum 3.2 CGPA and a prerequisite GPA of 3.4.
 - Complete the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) by December a year before the expected year of entrance into the DPT program
 - All applicants must apply to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program through the [PTCAS online application](#) process and can attend either campus.