

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

GRADUATE RECORD EXAM SCORES (GRE)

PREREQUISITE COURSES

General Biology I & II with labs (8 hours)
General Chemistry I & II with labs (8 hours)
General Physics I & II with labs (8 hours)
Anatomy and Physiology with labs (8 hours)
Exercise Physiology (3 or 4 hours)
Statistics (3 hours)
Introduction to Psychology (3 hours)
200-level (or above) Psychology (3 hours)

Medical Terminology and Medical Ethics recommended, but not required. Students who do not take a medical terminology course will be required to pass a test the first week of class.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please consult our website www.utc.edu/physicaltherapy for information regarding application deadlines and academic calendars.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Physical Therapy Advisement and Admissions
(423)425-1786
www.utc.edu/physicaltherapy

Physical Therapy Profession
www.apta.org

University Graduate Admissions
(423)425-4666
www.utc.edu/GraduateSchool

University Undergraduate Admissions
(423)425-4662 or 1-800-UTC-MOCS

ABOUT

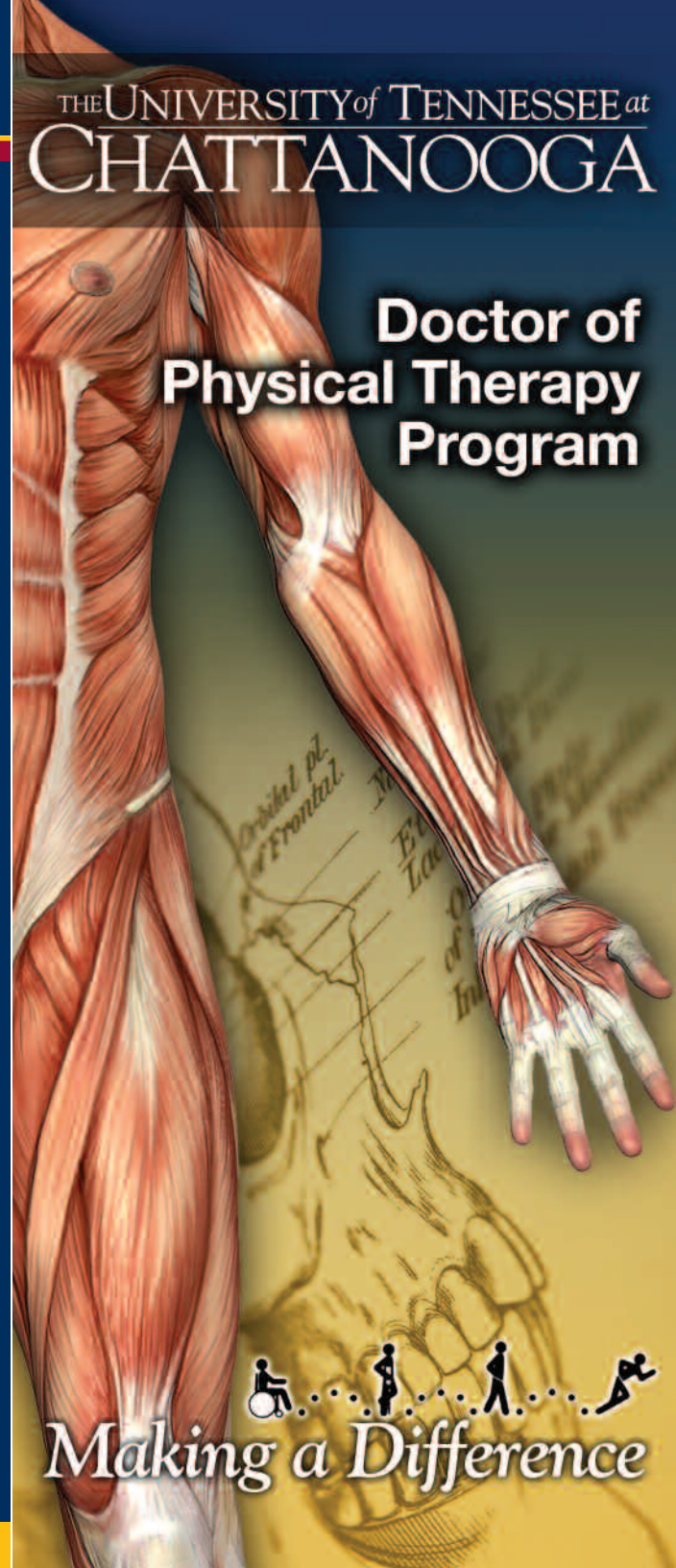
THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE at CHATTANOOGA



The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is one of four multi-disciplined campuses within the University of Tennessee system. The University serves a diverse population of more than 10,000, the majority of whom attend full-time. The faculty is committed to offering a quality educational experience through small classes, personalized advising, and frequent interaction with students outside of the classroom. UTC blends private and public support in a unique fashion, enabling both students and faculty to benefit from a foundation endowment and scholarship programs unique in public education. The fee and tuition structure is lower than comparable public institutions. All of these qualities make The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga an outstanding place to develop lifelong learning habits.

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Doctor of Physical Therapy Program



Making a Difference

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program, a part of the College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies, is an entry-level doctoral program requiring an undergraduate degree for admissions. Students who are accepted into the professional program must be enrolled on a full-time basis for each of the eight semesters of the program. The program has received accreditation by The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.



Please refer to our website for detailed program information, paying attention to the advisement and admissions sections: www.utc.edu/physicaltherapy

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Physical Therapy is a dynamic profession that is highly rewarding to the practitioner and the client. Our graduates report that they are well prepared to be competent physical therapists in a variety of practice settings. The physical therapy program at UTC is very fortunate to have an extremely well prepared faculty and staff who are committed to facilitating the success of our students. In addition, the physical therapy community is strongly supportive of our students as they complete the clinical education components of the curriculum. When these two strengths are grouped with the support of a great university and city, it becomes clear that The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is an exciting place to study physical therapy. As you choose your educational direction, I hope that you will actively consider our program and university. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact us.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Physical Therapists are health care professionals who evaluate and treat people with health problems resulting from injury or disease. Among other responsibilities, physical therapists assess joint motion, muscle strength and endurance, function of heart and lungs, and performance of activities required in daily living. More than 125,000 physical therapists practice in the US today, treating nearly 1 million people everyday.

Although many physical therapists practice in acute care or sub-acute care hospitals, more than 65% practice in private physical therapy offices, community health centers, industrial health centers, sports facilities, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools or pediatric centers; work in research institutions; or teach in colleges and universities.

After graduation, candidates must pass a state-administered national exam. Other requirements for physical therapy practice vary from state to state according to physical therapy practice acts or state regulations governing physical therapy.

The Art and Science of Movement

ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

All applicants must apply to the University Graduate School and complete a separate application to the physical therapy program. Our program accepts thirty students each fall. Applicants are very competitive and have excelled in their undergraduate and prerequisite coursework. All applicants must apply through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). For more information on admissions and PTCAS, please visit our website at www.utc.edu/physicaltherapy.

The following factors are considered in the selection of students. Applicants with the best combination of these factors will be selected for the class.

- **Academic Record.** Applicants must have an overall cumulative and science grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Cumulative GPA includes all undergraduate and graduate coursework (if applicable). Science GPA includes the biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, physics, and exercise physiology prerequisite requirements. All prerequisites must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” prior to entering the program. While our required minimum cumulative and science GPAs are 3.0, the average GPAs for accepted students are usually 3.6 or higher.
- **References.** Applicants should observe in physical therapy settings. Two references are required. One must be from a licensed physical therapist. Specific forms are included in the application packet.
- **GRE.** GRE scores—no more than five years old—are required. While there is no minimum score required, the typical score for accepted applicants is greater than 1000.

