

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (DPT)

Physical Therapy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)*

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal or MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
Third Year	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
HHP 3170: Exercise Physiology (3 credit hours)	PSY 2000+ Course (3 credit hours)
Take GRE Winter of 3rd Year, deadline to complete GRE is September 1 prior to application cycle	
Fourth Year	
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours)
Complete remaining major requirements	
<i>*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline</i>	

Early Decision through PTCAS

Beginning with the 2020-2021 admissions cycle, early decision will no longer be offered as an option for PTCAS applicants and programs. PTCAS early decision has been a binding option in which applicants who are accepted by a DPT education program participating in early decision are not permitted to apply to any additional programs during the same admissions cycle unless released by the program.

GRE Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration fee: \$205 Late Registration (1 week after registration closes): Additional \$50	Scores can be sent/reported for up to 5 years	Computer based test can be taken once every 21 days	Additional scores requested are sent within 5 business days of request
Rescheduling fee: \$20 Changing test center fee: \$50 Refund of \$75 4+ days before test. No Refund 4 days or less from test date	Scores can be sent to up to 4 institutions for free. Additional score reports for can be ordered at \$27 per recipient from ETS account	Test can be taken no more than 5 times in a calendar year. Cancelled scores count in annual limit	Choose which scores to share, institution can only see the scores sent
Fee assistance is offered MUST be college senior or unenrolled college grad; First come/first serve Fee is reduced to \$75 GRE Fee Reduction Request	For the computer-delivered GRE test, official scores will be sent to designated instructions 10-15 days after test date	The institution can not see how many times you have taken the test	MUST designate where to send the scores on test day, after viewing unofficial results

Observation Hours

Required Number of Hours	Logging Hours
UTC DPT program requires observation hours to be admitted to the program. There is not a set number of hours required, applicants should observe in multiple settings for a well rounded experience	Applicants log their observation hours in the PTCAS application. How to log hours

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: General Biology I & II, Algebra/Calculus, PSY 1010 and Statistics	Join clubs such as the OPT club. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating PTs to observe	Complete: General Chemistry I and II	Begin observing, accruing volunteer hours, and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Summer- Year 3	Year 4 Class	Completion date
Complete: Human Anatomy and Physiology, Exercise Physiology (HHP 3170) and PSY course 2000 or higher level course	Take the GRE Winter of third year in order to have scores ready for the application cycle. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working volunteer hours and shadowing	Submit PTCAS Application and all required materials. UTC application cycle opens in July	Complete: Physics 1030 and 1040 as well as remaining major requirements	Completed at least 6 of the 9 science prerequisites before applying (Grades must be reflected on transcripts sent to PTCAS). Any remaining prerequisites must be finished by the time classes start.

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
CLEP, IB, AP, and Online Courses	GRE	
AP and IB courses are accepted, however, if a graded course is also taken the graded course will be counted. Online courses may be accepted. CLEP credit is not accepted for any prerequisites for the UTC DPT program	A min. 3.0 analytical writing score is required. No minimum verbal and quantitative score required, but the score is weighed heavily as part of the admissions process. Multiple attempts are permitted. Scores must be reported through PTCAS, use the UTC PTCAS Code 0464	
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	Letters of Recommendation
New PTCAS Application required every year -UTC cycle opens in July. Do not begin application before the new cycle opens in July. Any information entered will be deleted	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school	Two PTCAS references: one from a U.S. licensed physical therapist, one from a professor in applicant's major. Recommendations are submitted online via PTCAS. Reference Submission on PTCAS
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Decisions	Deposit
There are no interviews held for applicants. However the program does review references carefully	Admission decisions are made after the admissions cycle closes for the year of application. Typically, students will be informed of admissions decisions within 6-8 weeks or the deadline.	A \$1,000.00 non-refundable deposit is required for accepted applicants. The deposit will be due within 10 business days of receiving an offer from the program
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		