

University of Tennessee Health Science Center (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)	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/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)	
PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)	MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/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)**
Take GRE no later than Winter of Third Year	
Fourth Year	
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours)
PSY 2000 + Course (Developmental recommended) (3 credit hours)	Complete remaining major requirements
*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	
**Due to the format of BIOL 2060 and 2080 students will need to complete both courses to satisfy requirement. Or can opt to take an A&P I course at another institution	

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
100 hours are required. Applicants must submit documentation of observation hours from more than one category of settings (e.g., acute care hospital, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient, etc.). <u>Hours must be completed by the application deadline</u> and verified in PTCAS.	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 Chemistry I , General Biology I, Algebra/Calculus, and PSY 1010	Join clubs/get involved. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop and locating PTs to observe	Complete: General Biology II and General Chemistry 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	Rolling Admission
Complete: Human Anatomy and Physiology. Take the GRE Winter of third year in order to receive scores for application cycle	Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working volunteer hours and shadowing	Submit PTCAS Application and all required materials	Complete: Physics 1030 and Physics 1040, PSY 2000 + or higher course (developmental recommended) and Remaining major requirements	Applications are reviewed and candidates are accepted until all the class seats are filled

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility	
AP and Online Courses	GRE
Virtual, online, AP and CLEP courses are accepted for Math, Statistics, and Psychology ONLY. Acceptable science courses are ones typically required for science majors.	Applicants may take the GRE multiple times, but applicants are considered incomplete and will NOT be reviewed until an official GRE score is reported through the program's PTCAS GRE code- 7744. DO NOT use University of Tennessee Health Science Center GRE code

Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	Application Deadline	Letters of Recommendation
New PTCAS Application required every year	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school	ALL application materials, including transcripts, GRE scores, PT observation hours, and recommendation letters, must be verified by PTCAS within 4 weeks of the application close date for the Admissions Committee to consider the application.	Two letters of reference: a physical therapist with whom the applicant has worked or volunteered, and from either a basic science professor OR the applicant's academic advisor. Recommendations are submitted online via PTCAS. Reference Submission on PTCAS

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Decisions	In-State v. Out-of-State
Mandatory interview for admission. Interviews are typically conducted on the following dates: November 22, November 23, December 13 or December 14	Rolling admission is conducted, applications are reviewed and seats are offered on a continuous basis until the entire class is full. Early decision will no longer be practiced after the 2019 application cycle.	Preference is given to residents of the State of Tennessee. However, this does not imply that Tennessee residents receive automatic acceptance. Out-of-state residents must pay the out-of-state student tuition rate except for students who reside within 50 miles of the city of Memphis who receive a 75 percent discount off the out-of-state tuition differential.

**** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information**