

Tennessee State University (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)	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (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	
HHP 3170: Exercise Physiology (3 credit hours)	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
Fourth Year	
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PSY 2000+ Course (3 credit hours) or Philosophy/Logic Course (3 credit hours)
PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours) or HHP 3500: Biomechanics (3 credit hours) or HHP 3180: Kinesiology (3 credit hours)	
<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
A minimum of 40 hours of documented observation in at least two different physical therapy clinical settings. Settings may include acute, long-term rehabilitation, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, and/or home health. Your observation hours must be documented in your PTCAS application	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 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	Dropbox Link
Complete: Human Anatomy & Physiology and Exercise Physiology (HHP 3170)	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. TSU requires a separate graduate application and fee	Complete: PHYS 1030, either Biomechanics (HHP 3500) Kinesiology (HHP 3180) or Physics II (Phys 1040), and Psy 2000+ course or a Philosophy/Logic course as well as remaining major requirements	Download the Prerequisite Course Calculation Chart into the Upload Section of PTCAS application. Be sure to enter course(s) yet to be taken, or retaken but do not include in calculating Pre-requisite GPA

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility

International Students	GRE
Applicants with international undergraduate degrees should review the information outlined in the International Student Admission page of the Tennessee State University website and consult the appropriate sections of the Graduate Catalog.	The GRE scores must be submitted to PTCAS using the Code = 7759. Program requires a score of 150 for the Verbal section and 150 for the Quantitative section, combined scores are not considered. Applicants who meet the minimum GRE score for one section (but not the other) may still apply. However, preference will be given to candidates who meet the minimum scores for both sections

Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications

Application	Cost	Graduate School Application	Letters of Recommendation
New PTCAS Application required every year -TSU cycle opens in July	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school	Completed application to the Graduate School and payment of application fee of \$35. Do not submit transcripts or references as part of the Graduate School application. These items are submitted to PTCAS only.	Two PTCAS references: at least one must be from a U.S. licensed physical therapist. Recommendations are submitted online via PTCAS. Reference Submission on PTCAS

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interview	Written Essay	Degree Completion
Interview with the faculty are Invitation only. Interviews are based on applicant prerequisite GPA and GRE scores	Written essay that assures proficiency in the ability to write, demonstrate analytical ability, appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Essay is completed during the onsite interview—Essays are not submitted with application	Students who expect to complete a Bachelor's degree in the spring semester just before beginning the program may be accepted pending the receipt of official transcripts including the degree earned

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