

East 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)	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
There is no specific number of clinical hours required, however, each applicant for the entry-level DPT program is expected to have thoroughly investigated the scope and profession of physical therapy	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
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.	Complete: Physics 1030 and 1040 as well as remaining major requirements	May be enrolled in prerequisite courses or in process of degree completion at the time of application. Must successfully complete all prerequisite courses and/or earn the bachelor's degree by the end of the fall semester prior to matriculation term. ETSU matriculates each January

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
GRE	Transcripts	Letters of Recommendation
The East Tennessee State GRE Code is 1198. PT program department GRE Code is 0619	Unofficial transcripts may be submitted with your ETSU Graduate School application. Official transcripts will be required upon acceptance to a Graduate program.	Three recommendations (recommendations must be submitted on the forms provided in the School of Graduate Studies application materials) - at least one must be from a licensed physical therapist.
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	
New PTCAS Application required every year -Applicants must also apply to the ETSU Graduate School no later than May 1 of application cycle	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school. There is a \$55 application fee for the ETSU Graduate School Application. For international students the ETSU Graduation Application fee is \$65	
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Deposit	Start Date
Applicants who have completed all of the pre-requisite courses or who have no more than one pre-requisite course still outstanding at the time of application will be given priority by the PT Admissions Committee when scheduling interviews	A \$150 Deposit is required prior to matriculation and is credited to the first semester of tuition	The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) enrolls a new class of 40 students annually in the spring semester (January)
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		