

South College - January Cohort - (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 to 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	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
Take GRE Winter of 3rd Year	Developmental or Abnormal Psychology Course (3 credit hours)
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	
*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	

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
Candidates are recommended to demonstrate familiarity with physical therapy in the form of a minimum of 50 hours of observational, volunteer, and/or work experience in physical therapy. This is not required for admission but strongly recommended	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, General Chemistry I, Algebra/Calculus, Intro to Psychology, 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	Course GPA and Repeats
Complete: Human Anatomy & Physiology, and Developmental or Abnormal Psychology 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. Deadline for January cohort is December 2 of fourth year	Complete: Physics 1030 and 1040 and all remaining major requirements	Complete all required prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater. Grades below a C- will not be accepted. Repeated prerequisites will be counted once with the highest grade achieved being counted

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
GRE	TOEFL	Age of Courses
Completion of the GRE within the last 5 years. Applicants with a documented graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution may report earlier GRE scores. Transcripts of graduate education must also be provided. South College PTCAS GRE code: 7521	Applicants for whom English is not their first language or who completed a degree/prerequisite courses in a foreign country, completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language is required	Applicants must complete Anatomy and Physiology courses within 5 years prior to application or demonstrate ongoing work experiences that have kept this knowledge current. All remaining letter-graded prerequisite coursework is acceptable no matter when the coursework was completed
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Letters of Recommendation	Application	Cost
Two PTCAS references: one from a U.S. licensed physical therapist. Family members, friends, politicians, or clergy are not permitted to submit recommendations. Recommendations are submitted online via PTCAS. Reference Submission on PTCAS	New PTCAS Application required every year. Applications open in February and July each year. In addition to the PTCAS application, the South College Doctor of Physical Therapy Program requires that a Supplemental Application	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school. Supplemental Application requires an additional \$60 processing fee
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Supplemental Application	Interview	Deposit
Supplemental Application and \$60 processing fee must be submitted directly to the institution using the link provided in PTCAS. Clicking on "Submit" after successfully completing the Supplemental Application will take the applicant to a page through which payment of the Supplemental Fee can be made	All interviews are conducted using a video-based platform called YouSeeU®. Students record and upload their responses to a series of standardized interview questions for review by program faculty and the Admissions Committee. Students must have a computer with webcam and internet service to complete interview	\$1500 non-refundable deposit required and will be applied directly toward tuition and fees when matriculating into the program
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		