

# Belmont 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)	Behavioral and Social Science General Education course (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	Behavioral and Social Science General Education 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 <a href="#">GRE Fee Reduction Request</a>	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 must demonstrate familiarity with physical therapy in the form of a minimum of 50 hours of observational, volunteer, and/or work experience in physical therapy	Applicants log their observation hours in the PTCAS application. <a href="#">How to log hours</a>

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## Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

<b>Year 1 Classes</b>	<b>Year 1 Experience</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes</b>	<b>Year 2 Experience</b>
Complete: General Biology I, General Chemistry I, Algebra/Calculus, Behavioral and Social Science General Education course (PSY, SOC, or ANTH preferred) 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

<b>Year 3 Classes</b>	<b>Year 3 Experience</b>	<b>Summer- Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4 Class</b>	<b>Prerequisite Completion</b>
Complete: Human Anatomy & Physiology, and second Behavioral and Social Science General Education course (PSY, SOC, or ANTH preferred)	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 and all remaining major requirements	Candidates are expected to have no more than two prerequisite courses remaining to be taken in the spring semester after they apply. All prerequisites must be completed and degree must be conferred by June 1

## Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
GRE	Program Preference	Letters of Recommendation	
Candidates must achieve competitive scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the past five years. The GRE code for Belmont's DPT is 7589	Program gives preference to applicants who are currently enrolled as an undergraduate at Belmont University through the Health Professions Pathway	Two PTCAS references: one from a U.S. licensed physical therapist. Family members, friends, clergy, etc. are not permitted to submit recommendations. Recommendations are submitted online via PTCAS. <a href="#">Reference Submission on PTCAS</a>	
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	Observation Hours Completion	Submission of Materials
New PTCAS Application required every year	PTCAS Application fee \$155 plus \$60 for each additional school	Applicants must have completed a minimum of 50 hours before an application will be reviewed. The application will remain incomplete until this requirement is met	All materials should be sent to PTCAS, nothing should be sent directly to Belmont. Instructions and addresses for transcripts and recommendations (called "evaluations" on PTCAS) are available on the PTCAS website
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview		Deposit	
A face-to-face interview with a faculty member is a required part of the admission process. The interview days also act as visit days that include a program overview, lab demonstrations, and opportunity to talk with current students		A \$500 Deposit is required prior to matriculation and is credited to the first semester of tuition	
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			