

Petition for Prerequisite Substitution Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions

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REQUEST (before completing, read "Petition Procedure," and "Before You Petition" on pages 2- 3)

I am requesting the course _____
Course Department Code, Course Number and Title
from _____
Institution _____ satisfy the prerequisite requirement of

DPT Program Prerequisite Course

Rationale (you may attach a separate page if necessary):

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Please check the supporting materials that you have attached to this petition. Materials with an asterisk (*) are required.

Course description(s)* Author & Title of text used Course syllabus Expanded justification of request

SIGNATURES

I request review of my petition and understand that all notifications regarding its status will be sent to the e-mail listed above.

Student

Date

I have reviewed this petition and have evaluated it with respect prerequisite requirements for admission to the DPT program.

Approve _____ Deny _____ Refer to Admissions Committee _____

Designated Faculty Reviewer

Date

Approve _____ Deny _____

Department Head or Admissions Committee Chair

Date

**Note: The approval of the Department Head or Admissions Committee Chair is required for the petition to be granted.
If the petition is denied, it may be appealed (see page 3).**

Prerequisite Requirements:

- Biology I & II (or a second, higher-level biology course- 8 semester hours with lab)
- Chemistry I & II (8 semester hours with lab)
- Physics I & II (8 semester hours with lab)
- Human Anatomy, Human Physiology (8 semester hours with lab)
- Exercise Physiology (3 semester hours)
- Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- one additional 200 level (or above) Psychology course

Before You Petition:

There are several courses previously petitioned that are not allowed as substitutions. While this is not a comprehensive list, please review the following information before contacting us about a petition.

- A second, higher level biology course may be substituted for Biology II, especially in cases where Biology II is an ecology and/or plant-based course. In this case, we recommend you take a course such as Microbiology **instead of** Biology II. In this instance, you do not need to petition the course, simply mark it as Biology II on your PTCAS application. Please note, if you take Biology II or both courses in the entry-level sequence, those are the courses we will use in calculating your science GPA. **You cannot petition to substitute a higher-level biology course to raise your science GPA.**
- Biomechanics, biophysics or similar coursework may not be substituted for Physics I & II. Physics may be algebra, trig or calculus-based.
- Comparative Anatomy and/or Vertebrate Anatomy may not be substituted for the Human Anatomy requirement. Mammalian Physiology (with rare exceptions), Pathophysiology, and Exercise Physiology may not be substituted for Human Physiology.
- You may substitute Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II for the Anatomy & Physiology requirements. Anatomy transfers in as A&P I and Physiology transfers in as A&P II.
- Biostatistics and similarly labeled statistics courses will meet the statistics requirements. Courses labeled "Research Methods" will likely need a petition. You cannot substitute Calculus, College Algebra, or other math courses for the statistics prerequisite.
- In some instances, a Psychology 101-102 sequence may be permitted to meet the psychology requirements when this is the standard sequence at the institution. (UT Martin, for example.) Introductory Sociology and Anthropology courses are not acceptable as part of the Psychology prerequisite.

PETITION PROCEDURE

This petition provides students the opportunity to count a course towards a specific prerequisite for application and/or admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UTC. This is typically used for courses that are not an exact equivalent to a specified prerequisite course, but meet the underlying intent of the prerequisite course as it pertains to appropriately preparing the student for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

To request a review of a course, students must follow the procedure stated below.

1. Complete this petition form.
2. Secure supporting documentation.
3. Submit one (1) copy via fax or e-mail of the petition form and attachments to the Program Coordinator who will review the material and distribute it to the appropriate faculty reviewer.

Once reviewed, the faculty reviewer will sign off and forward the petition to either the Department Head or the Admissions Committee Chair. If the faculty reviewer holds one of these positions, the petition should be forwarded to the other individual for the second signature. (i.e., if the Department Head is the assigned faculty reviewer, the Admissions Committee Chair should provide the second signature.) If the petition is referred to the Admissions Committee, either the Department Head or the Admissions Committee Chair will sign off on the final decision.

OUTCOMES

- After acting on the petition, the Department Head or the Admissions Committee Chair will return the petition and its supporting documentation to the program coordinator, who will notify the student of the results via e-mail and document the results in the student's file. If the petition is approved, **no further action is necessary.**
- **If the petition is denied**, you will receive an email indicating that the petition has been denied. You have the option of appealing the decision.

To file an appeal, contact the program coordinator.

If you have questions regarding the completion of this form or the petition process, contact:

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