



HOW TO APPLY

The program has a three-step application process.

PTCAS Application – Applicants must first apply using the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) (www.ptcas.org).

Verification of the PTCAS Application – PTCAS will then verify your application. This process can take up to six (6) weeks. PTCAS must verify applications before being reviewed and scored for consideration in Ohio State's DPT program.

Ohio State's Supplemental Application – Once the application has been submitted and verified by PTCAS, applicants will receive an email from Ohio State with instructions on how to complete the Ohio State supplemental application and pay the supplemental application fee. Contact HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu with any questions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: A bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) from an accredited North American college or university or a comparable degree from a recognized foreign college or university must be earned before the start of the program.

PREREQUISITES: Completion of prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C or higher. Due to COVID-19, grades of "S" and "PA" taken between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 will be accepted. Additionally, Ohio State switched from PA/NP to emergency grading in Spring 2021. Grades of "NP," "U," and "PE" are considered below a C- and will not be accepted.

GPA: Academic achievement is demonstrated by the cumulative grade-point average and the grades earned in the program prerequisites. The GPA will be computed using all grades earned from all institutions attended, and only applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.

HOURS OF OBSERVATION: At least forty (40) hours of direct association with a licensed physical therapist in a physical therapy setting completed at the time of application.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: All applicants must submit a personal statement as part of the general application on PTCAS.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Three (3) letters of recommendation are required from all applicants. Recommenders should be from a licensed PT, a faculty/professor, and a supervisor in a non-clinical setting.

INTERVIEW: An interview will be offered to qualifying applicants and are by invitation only.

TOEFL (International Students Only): A minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based test (or 79 on the internet version) will be required of applicants whose native language is not English. An alternative English proficiency test, International English Language Testing System (IELTS), will also be accepted with seven (7) or higher scores.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Prerequisite courses must be completed before admission to the program. Ohio State course numbers are shown below.

Human Anatomy

ANATOMY 2300 or 3300

Human Physiology

EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200

Biology I and II

BIOLOGY 1113 and 1114

Chemistry I and II

CHEM 1210 and 1220

Physics I and II

Physics 1200 and 1201

Introductory Psychology

PSYCH 1100

Human Growth and Development/Lifespan

HTHRHS 3500, PSYCH 3340, or HDFS 2400

Physiology of Exercise

KNHES 3414 OR KNHES 5500

Elementary or General Statistics

STAT 1350.01, 1450.01, or higher

Lab sections of Anatomy, Biology I and II, Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II are required. However, a lab is recommended but not required for Physiology.

If Anatomy and Physiology courses are offered as a combined course, two courses of the combined anatomy-physiology content are required (ex: A&P I and A&P II).

Course credit awarded through Advanced Placement (AP) exams is applied toward direct equivalent prerequisites.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

June 15, 2023

2023-2024 PTCAS application opens

August 7, 2023

Deadline to submit PTCAS application for early action

September 15, 2023

Final deadline to submit the PTCAS application

May 28, 2024

Classes begin for the DPT Class of 2027

Physical Therapy

Clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT)



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YEAR 1

Summer	Credits	Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
Anatomy 6000 Anatomy	5	PT 6250 Neural Basis of Movement	2	PT 7250 Neurologic Basis of Rehab.	2
PT 6410 Principles & Procedures II	1	PT 6415 Acute Physical Therapy Practice I	1	PT 6260 Pathology for PT	2
PT 6021 Intro to PT Profession	2	PT 7012 Documentation & Reimbursement	1	PT 8013 Contemporary Practice	1
HTHRHSC 5510 Pharmacology	2	PT 7210 Musculoskeletal Diag/Mgmt I	4	PT 8210 Musculoskeletal Diag/Mgmt II	5
Total	10	PT 7410 Musculoskeletal Skills Lab I	3	PT 8410 Musculoskeletal Skill Lab II	3
		HTHRHSC 7900 Evid Based Practice I	1	PT 6189 Integrated Clinical Experience	1
		PT 7235 Biomechanics for PT	2	HTHRHSC 7910 Evidence-Based Practice II	1
		Total	14	PT 7245 Biomechanics for PT II	1
				PT 7915 Research Applications	1
				Total	17

YEAR 2

Summer	Credits	Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
PT 7189 Intermediate Intern I	4	PT 8065 Service Learning in PT	0.5	PT 8065 Service Learning in PT	0.5
PT 8230 Clinical App in Pediatrics	3	PT 8250 Adult Neurologic Rehab.	5	PT 8274 Integumentary Systems/Rehab.	4
PT 8430 Pediatric Lab	1	PT 8450 Adult Neurologic Lab	3	PT 8474 Integumentary Systems Lab	3
PT 8630 Clinical Science in Pediatrics	2	PT 8270 Geriatric Mgmt.	2	PT 7289.01 Intermediate Intern II	4
PT 8030 Topics in Pediatrics	1	PT 8050 Topics in Rehab/Long-Term Care	1	PT 8674 Adv. Therapeutic Interventions	1
PT 6389 Pediatric ICE	0.5	PT 8272 Cardiopulmonary Rehab.	2	PT 8670 Imaging in PT Practice	1
Total	11.5	PT 6489 Acute Care ICE	0.5	PT 7645 Acute PT Practice II	0.5
		Total	14	Total	14

YEAR 3

Summer	Credits	Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
PT 8189 Terminal Clinical Intern I	8	PT 8060 Healthcare in America I	2	PT 8289 Terminal Clinical II	8
PT 7289.02 Intermediate Intern II	4	PT 8061 Leadership and Career Planning in PT	1	PT 8989 Capstone Practicum Intern	4
PT 8999 Thesis	1			Total	12
Total	13	PT 8070 Management I: Admin Strategies	2		
		PT 8676 Differential Diagnosis for PT I	4		
		PT 8789 Practicum Development	1		
		PT 8915 DPT Case Study Analysis	2		
		Select Two Electives			
		PT 8610 Adv. Orthopedics	1		
		PT 8640 Complex Scenarios	1		
		PT 8612 Adv. Sports	1		
		PT 8635 Adv. Pediatrics	1		
		PT 8650 Adv. Neurologic Rehab.	1		
		PT 8620 Entrep. Leadership	1		
		PT 8645 Adv. Acute Care	1		
		PT 6589 Service-Based Clinical	0.5-2*		
		HTHRHSC 5000 Underserved Pop.	2		
		OR			
		Speak with your advisor about specialization course electives in Research, Pediatrics, or Global Health.			
		Will vary based on elective selection	Total	14	

To be eligible for graduation, a DPT student must meet a minimum of 116 credit hours.

Ohio State academic programs are designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure and certification and state licensing board contact information [here](#) for online programs and [here](#) for on-campus programs.

Questions?

Contact the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
614-292-1706 or HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu

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