HOW TO APPLY

The program has a three-step application process.

**PTCAS Application** – Applicants must first apply by using the Centralized Application Service (www.otcas.org).

**Verification of the PTCAS Application** – PTCAS will then go through the process of verifying your application. This process can take up to 6 weeks and if unverified by PTCAS by OSU’s deadline, it will be considered incomplete and not reviewable.

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **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 prior to the start of the program.

2. **PREREQUISITES**: Completion of prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C or higher.

   *Due to COVID-19, any prerequisite course taken as PA/NP or S/U will be accepted if taken during the Spring 2020 semester.*

3. **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 a 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.

4. **GRE**: Requirement waived for the 2020-2021 application cycle due to COVID-19. If applicant chooses to submit GRE scores, the scores will be included in the total comprehensive academic review.

5. **HOURS OF OBSERVATION**: At least 40 hours of direct association with a licensed physical therapist in a physical therapy setting completed at the time of application. Please note that observation hours have been waived for the 2020-2021 application cycle due to COVID-19.

6. **PERSONAL STATEMENT**: All applicants are required to submit a personal statement as part of the general application on PTCAS.

7. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**: 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. If you are unable to get a letter from a licensed PT, you can ask another faculty member.

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

9. **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 scores of 7 or higher.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

*These courses must be completed prior to admission to the major. Ohio State course numbers shown below.*

- **Human Anatomy**
  - ANATOMY 2300 or 3300

- **Human Physiology**
  - EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200

- **Biology I and II**
  - BIOLOGY 1113/1114

- **Chemistry I and II**
  - CHEM 1210/1220

- **Physics I and II**
  - PHYSICS 1200/1201

- **Introductory Psychology**
  - PSYCH 1100

- **Human Growth and Development/Lifespan**
  - HTHRSC 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/II, Chem I/II and Physics I/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 may be applied toward direct equivalent prerequisites.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**Early July**

- 2020-2021 PTCAS application opens
- August 7th, 2020

**Deadline to submit PTCAS application for early action**

- September 15th, 2020

**Deadline to submit the PTCAS application to be considered for OSU Graduate School Fellowships**

- October 1st, 2020

**Final deadline to submit the PTCAS application**

- June 1st, 2021

Classes begin for the DPT Class of 2024
## YEAR 1

### Summer
- Anatomy 6000 Anatomy 4
- PT 6410 Principles & Procedures II 1
- PT 6021 Intro to PT Profession 1
- HTHRHSC 5510 Pharmacology 2

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### Autumn
- PT 6250 Neural Basis of Movement 2
- PT 6415 Principles & Procedures II 1
- PT 7012 Documentation & Reimbursement 1
- PT 7210 Musculoskeletal Diag/Mgmt I 4
- PT 7410 Musculoskeletal Skill Lab I 3
- HTHRHSC 7900 Evid. Based Practice I 1
- PT 7215 Biomechanics for PT 3

### Spring
- PT 7250 Neurologic Basis of Rehab. 2
- PT 6260 Pathology for PT 2
- PT 8013 Contemporary Practice 1
- PT 8210 Musculoskeletal Diag/Mgmt II 6
- PT 8410 Musculoskeletal Skill Lab II 3
- PT 6189 Integrated Clinical Experience 1
- HTHRHSC 7910 Evid. Based Practice II 1

**Total Credits: 15**

### Notes:
- Students must take PT 8998 Research Practicum in either Autumn or Spring of Year 1.

## YEAR 2

### Summer
- PT 7189 Intermediate Clinical Intern I 4
- PT 8230 Clinical App in Pediatrics 3
- PT 8430 Pediatric Lab 1
- PT 8630 Clinical Science in Pediatrics 2
- PT 8030 Topics in Pediatrics 1

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### Autumn
- PT 8065 Service Learning in PT 0.5
- PT 8250 Adult Neurologic Rehab. 5
- PT 8450 Adult Neurologic Lab 3
- PT 8270 Geriatric Mgmt. 2
- PT 8050 Topics in Rehab/Long Term Care 1
- PT 8272 Cardiopulmonary Rehab. 2

### Spring
- PT 8065 Service Learning in PT 0.5
- PT 8274 Integumentary Systems/Rehab. 2
- PT 8474 Integumentary Systems Lab 3
- PT 8276 Adaptive Equip/Comm. Reinteg. 2
- PT 8674 Adv. Therapeutic Interventions 1
- PT 8670 Imaging in PT Practice 1

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**Total Credits: 13.5**

## YEAR 3

### Summer
- PT 8189 Terminal Clinical Intern I 8
- PT 7289 Intermediate Clinical Intern II 8

### Autumn
- PT 8060 Healthcare in America I 1
- PT 8061 Healthcare in America II 1
- PT 8070 Management I: Admin Strategies 3
- PT 8676 Differential Diagnosis for PT I 2
- PT 8999 Thesis 2

### Spring
- PT 8289 Terminal Clinical Intern II 8
- PT 8989 Capstone Practicum Intern 4

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### Select Two Electives:
- PT 8610 Adv. Orthopedics 1
- PT 8640 Complex Scenarios 1
- PT 8612 Adv. Sports 1
- PT 8650 Adv. Neurologic Rehab. 1
- PT 8620 Entrep. Leadership 1
- PT 8625 Private Practice Man. 1
- PT 6589 Service Based Clinical .5-2
- HTHRHSC 5000 Underserved Pop. 2

### OR
- Speak with your advisor about Specialization course electives in:
  - Research, Pediatrics, or Global Health

**Total Credits: 13**

## Questions?
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences  
206 Atwell Hall, 453 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210  
614-292-1706

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