

# Physical Therapy

*Shaping the Future of Healthcare*

## Top Reasons to Get Your Degree Here:

1. The Department of Physical Therapy offers a professional entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program and a post-professional Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy program.
2. UAB is ranked among “America’s Best Hospitals” by *U.S. News & World Report*, and we are the only medical center in Alabama to make this prestigious list.
3. UAB is designated as a Doctoral/Research University—Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation, an honor given to less than 4% of the nation’s higher education institutions.
4. UAB Hospital is ranked among the top three in the United States in *The Best in Medicine*.
5. We have offered fully accredited Physical Therapy programs since 1964
6. The teaching and clinical facilities are state of the art.

**As a Physical Therapist,  
U will be ABle to make a  
difference!!**

Interested students are encouraged to contact the PT program for more information at the address below or visit our website at:

**[www.uab.edu/pt](http://www.uab.edu/pt)**

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## Application Process

**Application Deadline:** Priority deadline is January 15. Please contact the Department of Physical Therapy to obtain a complete application packet.

**Requirements for Admission:** The applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Acceptance will be based on ability and aptitude for a career as a physical therapist. Applicants must also: 1) have a minimum GRE score of 550 on Verbal, 550 on Quantitative sections, and a 3.5 on analytical writing 2) have a minimum of 3.0 (A=4.0) overall grade point average and on the last 60 semester hours of coursework, 3) have a minimum academic average performance of at least a “C” or better in all prerequisite courses, 4) attend personal interview if scheduled with the program committee.

**After Accepted** 1) provide proof of Healthcare Provider CPR certification, 2) complete a health data questionnaire with satisfactory screening by the UAB Medical Center Student Health Service, 3) criminal background check.

**Essential Requirements:** Completion of this program does not automatically qualify one to practice Physical Therapy, as state law regulates the practice of Physical Therapy. For information on eligibility requirements, contact your state’s Board of Licensure for Physical Therapy. Fundamental tasks, behaviors and abilities that are necessary to successfully complete the academic and clinical requirements of the program and to satisfy licensure/certification requirements have been outlined and are available upon request from the program office. Students requesting disability accommodations must do so by filing a disability accommodation request in writing with the program office.

## CURRICULUM

### TERM I (Spring)

PT700	Human Gross Anatomy I	3
PT702	Functional Anatomy	4
PT730	Essentials of Human Physiology	3
PT711	PT Examination I	2
PT713	PT Intervention I	3
PT760	PT Professional Practice I	2
PT790	Scientific Inquiry I	1
TOTAL		18

### TERM II (Summer)

PT701	Human Gross Anatomy II	2
PT706	Neuroscience I	4
PT712	PT Examination II	3
PT720	Pathology & Pharmacology for Movement Dis.	3
PT731	Human Performance Physiology	3
PT770	Clinical Education I	1
PT791	Scientific Inquiry II	1
TOTAL		17

### TERM III (Fall)

PT707	Neuroscience II	3
PT704	Analysis of Human Movement	3
PT714	PT Intervention II	2
PT715	PT Intervention III	3
PT721	Pathology & Pharmacology for Movement Dis. II	3
PT771	Clinical Education II	2
PT792	Scientific Inquiry III	1
TOTAL		17

### TERM IV (Spring)

PT705	Human Movement Dysfunction	4
PT740	PT Mgt. of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction I	5
PT743	PT Management of Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction	3
PT761	PT Professional Practice II	3
PT772	Clinical Education III	2
PT798	Scholarly Activity Project	1
TOTAL		18

### TERM V (Fall)

PT741	PT Mgt. of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II	5
PT744	PT Mgt. of Neuromuscular Dysfunction I	4
PT762	PT Professional Practice III	3
PT798	Scholarly Activity Presentation	1
TOTAL		13

### TERM VI (Spring)

PT746	PT Mang. of Neuromuscular Dysfunction II	4
PT763	PT Professional Practice IV	2
PT793	Scientific Inquiry IV	1
PT799	Scholarly Activity Project	1
PT773	Clinical Education IV	8
TOTAL		16

### TERM VII (Summer)

PT764	PT Professional Practice V: Capstone Experience	2
PT774	Clinical Education V	9
TOTAL		11

### TERM VIII (Fall)

PT775	Clinical Education VI	9
TOTAL		9

## Estimated Expenses 2010-2011<sup>1</sup>

### Semester Fees

Tuition <sup>2</sup>	\$300/hour
Student Service Fee	\$42 + \$11/hour
Building Fee	\$34 + \$3/hour
Student Health Service Fee	\$90
Learning Resources Fee	\$12/hour
Student Recreation Center Fee	variable

### Additional Expenses

Hospitalization Insurance <sup>3</sup>	variable
Books/Supplies	variable
Medical History Review Fee	\$5
Parking (per semester)	variable
Diploma Fee	\$50

<sup>1</sup> Fees subject to change at the beginning of any term.

<sup>2</sup> Out-of-state, \$750 per semester hour.

<sup>3</sup> Required of all students unless evidence is provided of current hospitalization insurance.

<sup>4</sup> Required of all SHP students during terms of clinical coursework.

### Physical Therapy Program Prerequisites

English Composition	6	semester hours
Biology	12	semester hours
Human/Mammalian Physiology	4	semester hours
Chemistry (for Science Majors)	8	semester hours
Physics (for Science Majors)	8	semester hours
Pre-Calculus w/ Trig	3	semester hours
Psychology	9	semester hours
Statistics (MTH, PSY, SOC)	3	semester hours

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The University of Alabama at Birmingham is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctor's levels.

This information represents what is current at the time of printing this publication and is subject to change. Applicants should contact the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the School of Health Professions to verify the requirements for the year for which application to the professional phase will be made.

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