

Doctor of Physical Therapy



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Nobody remembers who was second. Nobody can forget who was first. The UAB Department of Physical Therapy has always been first.

- First in the region to start a PT program.
- First in the region to start a DPT program.
- First in the region to be nationally ranked.

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Application Process

Apply through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Visit PTCAS.org for deadline & information.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Baccalaureate degree in a field other than physical therapy from a regionally accredited US college or university
- Complete PTCAS application
- Min. 40 hrs documented PT observation
- Send GRE scores to PTCAS
- Min. 3.0 GPA (on prerequisite, last 60 hours, & cumulative)
- 75% of prerequisites must be completed
- If invited, complete a personal interview with the Department of PT faculty.

ALL STUDENTS MUST:

- Complete UAB Graduate School Application & meet all graduate school requirements
- Have min. of B in all remaining prerequisites
- Have personal insurance coverage uab.edu/studenthealth
- Complete required immunizations, background check & drug screening, with additional screenings prior to clinical rotation placement

Contact Information

UAB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Prerequisite Courses

(UAB or other institution)

COURSES	SEM HRS
English Composition / ENG 101 & ENG 102	6
Biology / BY 123 and BY 124, BY 115	12
Physiology / BY 116	4
Chemistry / CH 115/116 lab & CH 117/118 lab	8
Physics / PH 201 & PH 202 or PH 221 & PH 222	8
Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry / MA 106	3
Psychology*	6
Statistics / MA 180, PY 216, or SOC 410	3
Medical Terminology / HCM 350	1-3

*any classes in Psychology department

Paying for College

For detailed tuition and fees information go to:
www.uab.edu/students/paying-for-college/detailed-tuition-and-fees

FINANCIAL AID

Students should apply for financial aid if they need assistance paying for college. Financial aid is awarded on an annual basis. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. The application can be found at www.fafsa.gov.

Instructions and UAB forms are available at
www.uab.edu/students/paying-for-college.

UAB SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

To view opportunities, find out deadlines, and access applications, log in to UAB's Blazer Scholarship Management and Resource Tool, BSMART, at uab.edu/bsmart.

Students majoring in programs within the School of Health Professions will be notified of award opportunities via email, each semester.

For more information, contact:

School of Health Professions, Office of Student Recruitment, Engagement and Success
shp@uab.edu or 205-934-4195
 School of Health Professions Building (SHPB) 230

Many degree programs in the School of Health Professions lead to licensure or professional certification. Requirements for licensure or certification may vary by state, even within a profession. Information about such requirements is available from the UAB State Authorization officer at stateauth@uab.edu or (205) 934-3258.

Program Curriculum

(119 Credit hours)

COURSES	SEM HRS
YEAR 1	
Spring	
PT 700 Human Gross Anatomy I	3
PT 702 Functional Anatomy	4
PT 730 Essential of Human Physiology	3
PT 713 Physical Therapy Intervention I	3
PT 760 PT Professional Practice I	2
Summer (17 Hours)	
PT 701 Human Gross Anatomy II	2
PT 711 PT Examination I	2
PT 712 PT Examination II	3
PT 720 Pathology & Pharmacology for Movement Disorders I	3
PT 731 Human Performance Physiology	3
PT 790 Scientific Inquiry I	2
Fall (18 Hours)	
PT 704 Analysis of Human Movement	3
PT 706 Neuroscience I	3
PT 714 Physical Therapy Intervention II	3
PT 715 Physical Therapy Intervention III	3
PT 721 Pathology & Pharmacology for Movement Disorders II	3
YEAR 2	
Spring (15 Hours)	
PT 705 Human Movement Dysfunction	3
PT 707 Neuroscience II	3
PT 740 PT Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction I	5
PT 761 Professional Practice II	3
PT 798 Doctoral Level Non-Thesis Research	1
Summer (12 Hours)	
PT 743 PT Management of Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction	4
PT 744 PT Management of Neuro-muscular Dysfunction I	3
PT 791 Scientific Inquiry II	2
PT 798 Doctoral Level Non-Thesis Research	1
PT 770 Clinical Education I	4
Fall (15 Hours)	
PT 741 Management of Musculoskeletal Dysfunction II	5
PT 746 Management of Neuro-muscular Dysfunction II	5
PT 762 PT Professional Practice III	3
PT 798 Doctoral Level Non-Thesis Research	1
YEAR 3	
Spring (12 Hours)	
PT 763 PT Professional Practice IV	2
PT 764 Professional Practice V – Capstone Experience	2
PT 770 Clinical Education II	9
Summer (9 Hours)	
PT 770 Clinical Education III	9
Fall (9 Hours)	
PT 770 Clinical Education IV	9

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