

Doctor of  
**Physical Therapy**  
**Early Acceptance**



## Department of Physical Therapy — Early Acceptance

You don't want to wait. And at UAB you don't have to wait. You can begin preparing for your UAB Doctor of Physical Therapy now.

The UAB DPT Early Acceptance program allows you to tailor your undergraduate coursework for your future as a PT.

The UAB DPT Early Acceptance program allows you priority admission to our nationally ranked program.

The UAB DPT Early Acceptance program allows you to bolster your PT skills and knowledge in advance.

**You are ready for your future.**

**You are ready for UAB.**

### Application Process

**DEADLINE:** Be admitted to UAB Undergraduate Admissions by May 1. DPT EAP application is due by June 1.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Submit DPTEAP application and two letters of reference (one teacher/one extracurricular advisor). Retrieve forms at: <http://www.uab.edu/shp/pt/dpt/dptearly>
- Min. overall 3.5 GPA
- Min. score of 29 ACT and/or 1280 SAT

The DPTEAP admissions committee interviews eligible candidates

**ALL STUDENTS MUST:**

- Have personal insurance coverage [uab.edu/studenthealth](http://uab.edu/studenthealth)
- Complete required immunizations, background check & drug screening

### Contact Information

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PHYSICAL THERAPY**

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## Requirements and Conditions

*(Criteria for remaining in good standing)*

DPTEAP students must meet the following requirements and conditions in order to maintain good standing and acceptance into the UAB Department of Physical Therapy.

- Maintain overall 3.2 GPA and 3.4 in all prerequisites
- Stay in contact with DPTEAP mentor each semester
- Academic counseling with undergraduate advisor
- Complete HIPAA Training (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)
- Develop volunteer experiences through shadowing different physical therapists and volunteering in service organizations that serve under-served populations.
- Participate in Department of Physical Therapy activities and demonstrate leadership and maturity consistent with the expectations of other non early admission students
- Graduate with an undergraduate degree from UAB.
- Submit GRE score to UAB Graduate School (code 1856)
- Submit documentation of 40 hours observation to snaftel@uab.edu by December 1 prior to the year of matriculation in the DPT program.

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.

## FAQ's Careers in Physical Therapy

### How and when should I prepare for a career in PT?

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- Take courses in social science, biology, math and chemistry.
- Volunteer in a local physical therapy clinic to better understand care giving and the needs of patients.
- Talk with and shadow physical therapists to learn more about the work they do and to find out how well that suits you.

## FAQ's Careers in Physical Therapy

### What is physical therapy and what do they do?

#### Physical therapists are:

- Movement specialists who help people function to their greatest potential.
- Health professionals concerned with the promotion of optimal human health and function, prevention of physical disabilities and the treatment and rehabilitation of injured persons.
- Practitioners who identify, prevent, correct and ease movement problems caused by illness, injury or birth defects.
- Clinicians who perform a variety of tests to measure the function of the musculoskeletal, nervous, pulmonary, and cardiovascular systems. They then use the information to determine the most effective and efficient physical therapy treatment.

### Where do physical therapists work?

#### PTs work in a variety of settings:

- hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, research centers
- sports medicine facilities - community health organizations
- home health companies... and more!

### How do I become a physical therapist?

Physical therapy programs award a doctoral degree. That means you must first graduate with a 4 year college degree and then complete a clinical doctoral program in physical therapy. After graduating from an accredited program you must pass a licensure examination.

### Will I find a job and what salaries do physical therapist's earn?

Physical therapists are in high demand. Salaries vary depending on what type of physical therapy you practice and the geographical region where you work. The American Physical Association reported in 2016 that the median salary for the East South Central region was \$83,600. Experienced physical therapists and those in supervisory and administrative positions can earn more.