

The University of Tennessee  
Memphis, TN

[College of Allied Health Sciences](#)

Physical Therapy

## Admission Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for admission, applicants must fulfill the requirements listed below. **Meeting the minimum requirements does NOT assure admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Priority is given to residents of Tennessee and children of UT System alumni.** Applicants whose native language is not English must submit results of the TOEFL, with minimal score of 550. **ALL STUDENTS ENTERING UTHSC ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR TO ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM.**

1. A baccalaureate degree which includes prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale. Grades of "D" in required courses are not acceptable.

- If a required course is repeated, both grades are calculated into the cumulative GPA, but the credit hours assigned to the course may be counted only once in fulfilling the required number of hours.
- Credit hours earned for non-theory courses in physical education, music, and military science are not accepted in fulfillment of prerequisite hours or as elective hours.
- Credit for science courses completed more than five years prior to application will be carefully reviewed by the Admissions Committee and may not be accepted in fulfillment of the required number of hours.
- Courses completed in a PTA program may not be used in fulfillment of any science course required for admission to the UT Memphis physical therapy program. Selected coursework completed in a PTA program may be accepted in partial fulfillment of the required number of elective hours.
- Experience has shown that generally a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 must be presented for an applicant to be competitive.
- Priority is given to students who have completed at least a portion of each required course sequence by the fall term prior to application.

2. A competitive score on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination will be required.

3. A completed application and application fee must be received by the Department of Enrollment Services on or before January 15 prior to the September class for which admission is sought. The following additional materials must be received by the Department of Enrollment Services prior to any final action taken by the Admissions Committee.

- Pre-Professional Advisory Committee recommendation from each college or university attended for more than one term
- Official transcript from each college or university attended.
- Projected plan for completion of remaining required courses that include date(s) and name(s) of institution(s) at which student plans to enroll

4. A personal interview is required for admission.

5. Applicants must demonstrate good physical and mental health consistent with the demands of the educational program.

6. Applicants who accept a position in the program must declare the ability to fulfill the Technical Standards for Admission to the College of Allied Health Sciences, Department of Physical Therapy.

Prior to enrollment, the following courses, described in the UTHSC Admissions Requirement Brochure, must be completed with grades of “C” or better.

Check [here](#) to make sure you are taking the correct [prerequisite courses](#) for feeder institutions required by our program.

	Semester Hours
<b>Biological Sciences•</b> (must include General Biology or General Botany & General Zoology)	8
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology•</b>	8
<b>General Chemistry•</b>	8
<b>General Physics•</b>	8
<b>Mathematics<sup>1</sup></b>	3
<b>Computer Science<sup>2</sup></b>	3
<b>Statistics<sup>3</sup></b>	3
<b>General Psychology<sup>4</sup></b>	6
<b>Social Sciences/Humanities<sup>5</sup></b>	12
<b>English Composition</b>	6
	<b>65</b>

- Must include laboratory experiences

1. Student must complete coursework that fulfills physics prerequisite.
2. If coursework has not been taken, must demonstrate computer literacy
3. Statistics – course should cover nonparametric and parametric statistics, including analysis of covariance and multivariate analysis of variance. Use of statistical techniques with data sets, interpretation of statistical results and computer interaction in data analysis strongly recommended. Biomedical statistics, education statistics, business statistics, psychology statistics as well as statistics courses in the math department are acceptable.
4. Must include General Psychology I and II or General Psychology I and Human Growth and Development
5. Recommended courses to complete humanities/social science courses are: (child, adolescent or abnormal) psychology, personality development, psychology of adjustment, sociology, anthropology, economics, counseling, human relations, political science, humanities, art history, philosophy or logic, English literature, history, foreign language, fine arts, religion

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### **Would you like an application or more information?**

Application forms, and Admissions Requirement Booklet and additional information about admission may be obtained by contacting:

[UTHSC Admissions Office](#)  
[Application Information](#)  
[Prerequisite Course Numbers](#)

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