

## Modifications to Graduate Catalog 2007-2009

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**TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**College of Health Sciences**  
**Department of Physical Therapy**

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the DPT program at TSU is a competitive process with admission to the program occurring once annually. A maximum of 36 students are enrolled in each class. **A Bachelor's degree is required by the end of the spring semester in the year you expect to start the PT program.**

Completed applications will be reviewed and early interviews and admissions will be granted to qualifying applicants.

Application packets may be submitted beginning October 1. The deadline for applications is February 15.

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must have:

1. A baccalaureate degree .
  - a. Official transcripts are required from all institutions attended.
  - b. Posting of the baccalaureate degree.
2. Completed application to the Graduate School and payment of application fee.
3. Successful completion (C or better) of the following pre-requisite courses. A minimal pre-requisite GPA of 3.0 is required.
  - a. Two (2) Biology courses with corresponding labs
  - b. Two (2) Chemistry courses with corresponding labs
  - c. Two (2) Physics courses with corresponding labs **OR** One (1) Physics course and a Movement Science course (i.e. Biomechanics, Kinesiology).
  - d. Human Anatomy (or Anatomy and Physiology I and II in lieu of separate Anatomy and Physiology courses)
  - e. Physiology (may be a general physiology or an exercise physiology course)
  - f. Math - at least a level of math required to take Physics I
  - g. Statistics/ Elementary Statistics
  - h. Two (2) Psychology courses **OR** One (1) Psychology course and One (1) Philosophy/Logic (or equivalent) course
4. **The admission committee may consider the substitution of similar/upper level courses for the required pre-requisites. Examples include, but, are not limited to other science courses, kinesiology, biomechanics, and/or motor learning. Please indicate on application/transcript self-evaluation form which courses you wish to be considered as substitute for listed pre-requisites.**

5. A combined score of 900 for Quantitative and Verbal sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). NOTE: The official GRE scores must be sent to Tennessee State University by the ETS testing agency.
6. A minimum of 40 hours of documented observation in at least two different physical therapy clinical settings. Settings may include acute, long-term rehabilitation, out-patient (sports), skilled nursing facility, and/or home health.
7. Minimum of 2 letters of recommendations – one must be from a physical therapist.
8. Interview with the faculty
9. Written essay that assures proficiency in the ability to write, demonstrating analytical ability, appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling. **Essay is completed during the onsite interview** - Please do not send an essay with your application.

All applications must be submitted by February 15.

*Students who expect to complete a Bachelor's degree in Spring just before beginning the program may be accepted pending the receipt of official transcripts including the degree earned.*

*Incomplete applications may result in your application being declared incomplete and result in non-admittance to the program.*

*Applicants with international undergraduate degrees should consult the appropriate sections of the Graduate Catalog for international admission procedures.*

*Criminal background checks and or drug screens may be a requirement for training at some affiliated clinical sites. Based on the results of these checks/screens, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow your participation in training at their facility. This could result in your inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program. Additionally, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment. More information is available from your program director.*

## **Procedure for Application into the Doctor of Physical Therapy**

1. Admission to the Physical Therapy program requires all students to submit an Application form along with a \$25.00 non refundable application fee to Tennessee State University School of Graduate Studies and Research. It is strongly recommended that the application be submitted electronically and the fee paid on a charge card.
2. Applicants are required to have the testing site (ETS) submit all GRE scores electronically to Tennessee State University School of Graduate Studies and Research.
3. Official transcripts from the registrar(s) of all Colleges and Universities attended (including Tennessee State University) must be sent to the **School of Graduate Studies and Research, Tennessee State University, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, TN 37209-1561**
4. Applicants must submit the following to the Physical Therapy Department, 3500 John A Merritt Blvd, Nashville, TN 37209:
  - (a) Physical Therapy Application/Transcript Self Evaluation form,
  - (b) Sealed copies of 2 Applicant Recommendation forms,
  - (c) Documentation of Clinical Hours form.
  - (d) Copies of transcripts (unofficial copies are accepted).
5. Applications will be accepted from October to February for each incoming class. The program starts with the Summer semester.

**Table of Admission Changes**

<b>Old Admission Criteria</b>	<b>New Catalog Criteria</b>	<b>Changes</b>
Biology I and II: 8 hours	Two (2) Biology courses with corresponding labs	Removed hour requirement
Chemistry I and II: 8 hours	Two (2) Chemistry courses with corresponding labs	Removed hour requirement
Physics I and II: 8 hours	Two (2) Physics courses with corresponding labs <b>OR</b> One (1) Physics course and a Movement Science course (i.e. Biomechanics, Kinesiology).	Removed hour requirement
Anatomy/Physiology: 8 hours	a. Human Anatomy (or Anatomy and Physiology I and II in lieu of separate Anatomy and Physiology courses) b. Physiology (may be a general physiology or an exercise physiology course)	Changed wording - says same thing
Math: Must complete coursework that fulfills pre-requisite requirements to take Physics I and II	Math - at least a level of math required to take Physics I	Removed hour requirement
Statistics: 3 hours	Statistics/ Elementary Statistics	Requirement removed
Humanities: 9 hours	Requirement removed	Requirement removed
Psychology: 6 hours	Two (2) Psychology courses <b>OR</b> One (1) Psychology course and One (1) Philosophy/Logic (or equivalent) course	Removed hour requirement and added alternative of philosophy or logic course.
Writing: 6 hours of freshman English that assures proficiency in the ability to write demonstrating appropriate grammar, pronunciation, and spelling. A remedial writing course may be required during the 1st semester as a conditional acceptance into the program.	.	Requirement removed.
Overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 for undergraduate studies.	Made pre-requisite requirement of 3.0 GPA minimal standard.	Removed overall GPA as requirement - made pre-requisite requirement of 3.0 GPA minimal standard.
Competitive scores on all three sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	A combined score of 900 for Quantitative and Verbal sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). NOTE: The official GRE scores must be sent electronically to Tennessee State University by the ETS testing agency	Established minimal accepted score on GRE = 900
An interview with the faculty	An interview with the faculty	Same
A written essay	A written essay	Same
Three letters of recommendation	Two letters of recommendation - one must be from a physical therapist	2 recommendations instead of three
Highly recommended that the student have exposure in the physical therapy field	A minimum of <u>40 hours of documented observation in at least two different physical therapy clinical settings.</u> Settings may include acute, long-term rehabilitation, out-patient (sports), skilled nursing facility, and/or home health.	Established minimal hours of exposure and number of settings