

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND APPLICATION

The Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program selects students based upon cumulative grade point average (GPA), prior academic performance, GRE scores from ETS (Educational Testing Service), physical therapy volunteer or work experience, completed application, and letters of recommendation. Students are admitted to the program during the fall semester only. Graduate students in the program must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) during the program. Students are involved in professional development through participation in the American Physical Therapy Association events and other professional and academic opportunities at the local, state, regional, national, and/or international level.

HOW TO APPLY

The FAMU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program participates in the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) each year from July 15 to January 15.

PTCAS
P.O. Box 9112
Watertown, MA 02471
ptcasinfo@ptcas.org
(617) 612-2040

PTCAS may take up to 6 weeks to verify supporting documents. Therefore, early application is highly recommended.

PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to confirm that all your materials have been received by contacting PTCAS to confirm receipt of materials.

Materials that must be submitted as part of PTCAS application

A completed application includes:

- The PTCAS application form online at www.ptcas.org
- An autobiographical essay, as described on the PTCAS application.
- Official transcripts for all college and university coursework
- Verification of completion of a minimum of 20 hours of clinical observation or work in a physical therapy setting under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist
- Three letters of recommendation (using the form provided by PTCAS) from faculty, academic advisors, physical therapists, or employers addressing the applicant's ability, motivation, and interest in pursuing graduate studies in Physical Therapy.
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores to PTCAS: a minimum combined score of 300 on the quantitative and verbal sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), AND a GRE analytical writing score of ≥ 3.0 . The GRE code for FAMUs Doctor of Physical Therapy program is 5215. GRE scores must be less than 5 years old.
- Supplemental Application to the FAMU School of Graduate Studies and Research: *A \$30 non-refundable application fee.* [School of Graduate Studies and Research](#)

Other requirements

The FAMU School of Graduate Studies and Research also requires the following items:

- A Graduate School Application which includes a Residency Classification section. You must obtain the FAMU School of Graduate Studies application from the and Research online at http://www.famu.edu/graduatestudies/m/assets/File/GradApp_NF_08262011.pdf
- You will need to choose one of the following application forms based on your specific circumstance:
 1. Admission Application for current FAMU students and FAMU alumni
 2. Admission Application for Non-FAMU U.S. Students
 3. Admission Application for International Students

If an applicant is from a country where English is not the official language or when an applicant's degree is not from an accredited U.S. institution, or if an applicant did not earn a degree in a country where English is the only official language or from a university where English is the only official language of instruction.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL= 550/paper-based; 80 internet-based) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores (6.5) sent directly to FAMU from the Testing Service.

If an applicant is offered a seat in the program:

- ***Immunization Form.*** To expedite processing, please download and print the Immunization Form and mail the completed form to the address specified on the form.
- Evidence of Health Insurance.
- Criminal background checks and/or drug screenings will be requested of applicants who are admitted into the professional program.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATION FILES WILL BE CONSIDERED. *Once FAMU has received the completed PTCAS application, the Graduate School's supplemental application, and the \$30 application fee, your file will be reviewed by the Physical Therapy Division's Committee on Admission.* Final admission to the University is subject to approval by the Graduate Office of Admissions.

It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm that all requested materials have been received by PTCAS and subsequently by the School of Graduate Studies & Research.

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