

Biology -> Physical Therapy Dual Degree/Early Acceptance Program

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3 Years at
UTSA
(Not 4)

3 Years at
UTHSCSA

Bachelor's Degree
+
Doctor of Physical
Therapy Degree

How can I complete two degrees in six years?

UTHSCSA's dual degree program, in coordination with UTSA, allows students to apply credits earned during the physical therapy program toward their bachelor's requirements, saving a year's work while earning both a bachelor's degree and a physical therapy degree.

How do I become eligible?

- Complete at least 26 semester credit hours (SCH) including at least 14 SCH in science and math.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 overall and in science/math.
- Provide a letter of reference from a science faculty member at UTSA and a licensed physical therapist.
- Write a personal statement addressing your goal of becoming a physical therapist.
- Provide a resume including previous work experience, honors and awards, extracurricular organizations and activities, and community service experience.
- Complete at least 25 hours as a volunteer, observer, or employee in a physical therapy setting (a total of 50 hours must be completed before the regular admission deadline).

What additional factors may be considered for the early acceptance program?

- Academic achievement
- Extracurricular activities and/or community service
- Knowledge of the health care environment
- Work experience
- Analytical and problem solving skills
- Personal traits
- Broad life experiences, etc.

When can I apply?

Students interested in the physical therapy dual degree/early acceptance program must apply before **August 31 after completion of their freshman year.**

When will I receive my undergraduate degree?

As the student completes required courses in the physical therapy program, credit for designated courses will be applied to undergraduate degree requirements as well. The bachelor's degree is awarded by UTSA once it has received a transcript confirming the student has successfully completed the required coursework during the first year of the physical therapy program.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree is awarded upon successful completion of the three-year physical therapy curriculum.

For additional information or to apply for this program, contact the Health Professions Office.

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Minimum Required Coursework to be Completed at UTSA

Completion of Core Curriculum

_____ Communications	(6 semester credit hours)
_____ Mathematics*	(3 semester credit hours)
_____ Natural Sciences*	(6 semester credit hours)
_____ Humanities and Visual Performing Arts	(6 semester credit hours)
_____ Social and Behavioral Sciences	(18 semester credit hours)
_____ World Society and Issues	(3 semester credit hours)

37 Semester Credit Hours of Major Course Work

_____ BIO 1122	Laboratory Investigations in Biology
_____ BIO 1404	Biosciences I
_____ BIO 1413	Biosciences II
_____ BIO 2313, 2322, 2320	Genetics, Laboratory, and Laboratory Lecture
_____ BIO 2083, 2091	Human Anatomy and Laboratory
_____ BIO 2103, 2011	Human Physiology and Laboratory
_____ BIO 3433, 3422	Neurobiology and Laboratory
_____ BIO 3513, 3522, 3520	Biochemistry, Laboratory, and Laboratory Lecture
_____ BIO 3813, 3822, 3820	Cellular Biology, Laboratory, and Laboratory Lecture

41 Semester Credit Hours of Support Work

15 semester credit hours are required in chemistry:

_____ CHE 1103, 1122, 1120	General Chemistry I, Laboratory, and Laboratory Lecture
_____ CHE 1113, 1132, 1130	General Chemistry II, Laboratory, and Laboratory Lecture
_____ CHE 2603, 2612, 2610	Organic Chemistry I, Laboratory and Laboratory Lecture

6 semester credit hours are required in mathematics and statistics:

_____ MAT 1193	Calculus for the Biosciences
_____ STA 1403	Probability and Statistics for the Biosciences

8 semester credit hours are required in physics:

_____ PHY 1603, 1611	Algebra-based Physics I and Laboratory
_____ PHY 1623, 1631	Algebra-based Physics II and Laboratory
or	
_____ PHY 1943, 1951	Physics for Scientists I and Laboratory
_____ PHY 1963, 1971	Physics for Scientists II and Laboratory

6 semester credit hours are required in psychology:

_____ PSY 1013	Introduction to Psychology
_____ PSY 2503	Developmental Psychology (lifespan)

3 semester credit hours are required in Speech (select one course):

_____ COM 1053	Business and Professional Speech
_____ COM 2113	Public Speaking

3 semester credit hours are required in Sociology:

_____ SOC 1013	Introduction to Sociology
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