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**ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Montgomery, Alabama**

**APPLICATION TO ASU DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

The Alabama State University Department of Physical Therapy offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (ASU DPT) degree that prepares graduates for professional practice and is designed as an entry-level PT degree. They are seeking applicants who have a strong academic record and high scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), as well as documented observation hours. Twenty-four (24) students matriculate into the program each August.

Students apply July 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to their planned start date. Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and complete the GRE (verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections). The application process is completed electronically through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). The deadline for all applicants is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**STATISTICS FOR THE FALL 2018 ENTERING CLASS**

Number Enrolled	24
Overall GPA	3.61
Mean Prerequisite GPA	3.51
GRE Verbal*	150
GRE Analytical Writing*	3.5

\*GRE scores are required. These scores are the minimum scores considered.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ASU DPT**

The ASU DPT seeks applicants with a wide range of talents and academic backgrounds. Because of this, all majors, both science and non-science, are considered for acceptance. A bachelor's degree is required for admission. Applicants must also complete the minimum required course work with grades of "C" or higher in each course<sup>1</sup> (see below). Please refer to the USA Major Guides for information about course requirements for specific majors.

- English Composition: One semester beyond basic course
- Public Speaking: One semester
- General Chemistry with Lab: Two semesters<sup>2</sup>
- General Biology with Lab: One semester<sup>2</sup>
- Biology Elective: One semester<sup>2,3</sup>
- Mathematics: One semester<sup>2</sup>
- General Physics with Lab: Two semesters<sup>2</sup>
- Anatomy and Physiology with Lab: Two semesters<sup>2</sup>
- Psychology: Two semesters (general and developmental)
- Social Science Elective (psychology, sociology, ethics, or anthropology elective): One semester
- Statistics: One semester

<sup>1</sup>U.S. AP and IB credits will be accepted with proper denotation on the undergraduate transcript.

<sup>2</sup>All math and science courses have required prerequisites. Entrance to these courses will be based on Math ACT or SAT score and/or prior coursework.

<sup>3</sup>General biology II, cellular biology, microbiology, immunology, and histology are acceptable; botany is not.

**RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC PLAN**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
CAS 100	2
EH 101 & EH 102	6
MA 113 or higher	3-4
CH 131/L & CH 132/L <sup>4</sup>	8
BLY 121/L & BLY 122/L <sup>4</sup>	8
CA 110	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30-31</b>

**SECOND YEAR**

BMD 251 & BMD 252 <sup>4</sup>	8
Physics I & II and Labs <sup>4</sup>	10
Psychology	6
History (US or Western Civilization)	3
Courses for Major/Minor	<u>6</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

**THIRD YEAR**

ST 210	3
English Literature	3
Social Science Elective <sup>5</sup>	3
Fine Arts	3
Humanities	3
Courses for Major/Minor	<u>15</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

**FOURTH YEAR**

Completion of Major and Minor	
Courses required for the degree	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

<sup>4</sup>The semester in which science coursework is taken may be affected by the chosen undergraduate major.

<sup>5</sup>Must be a 300--

increments. The Analytical Writing section is scored on a 0-6 scale in half-point increments.

### **PHYSICAL THERAPIST CENTRALIZED APPLICATION SERVICE**

All applicants must apply to the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Services (PTCAS). Applications are available each July. Students must enter all coursework and observation hours into PTCAS for verification. Students must also send all transcripts and GRE scores to PTCAS. Students are encouraged to begin the process early. Applications are not complete unless they are verified by PTCAS by the deadline.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Students must submit three letters of recommendation to PTCAS. ASU DPT only accepts letters of recommendation from PTCAS. A letter must be from a physical therapist that documents the applicant's exposure to a physical therapy clinical setting. One must be from a professor who can evaluate the applicant's academic abilities and character. The third letter may be from an additional physical therapist, professor in major, other academic evaluator, supervisor/employer, or healthcare professional.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Acceptance to the ASU DPT is based on academic ability and aptitude for a career as a physical therapist. A limited number of applicants are invited to interview with the physical therapy faculty and clinicians from the community.

### **PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

Pre-Health Advising at the University of South Alabama is dedicated to supporting the success of students working toward a graduate education in physical therapy. Pre-health advisors are available to help students craft a workable plan by providing structure, guidance and information about University and Pre-Physical Therapy resources.

### **CHOOSING A MAJOR**

There is no perfect "pre-physical therapy" major at the University of South Alabama. A student can major in any subject area s

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