

Resources

- ◆ University of Tennessee at Chattanooga offers special tours for high school students interested in the DPT program. You can plan your UTC visit online at <http://www.utc.edu/admissions/visit.php>



- ◆ Physical Therapy research is ongoing at most major research universities. The Rehab Research Alliance of Chattanooga is a local resource. <http://www.utc.edu/physical-therapy/research/rrac.php>
- ◆ Look for clinical volunteer opportunities. Siskin Hospital in Chattanooga is



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Why should I become a Doctor of Physical Therapy?

Pursuing a career in physical therapy requires considerable sacrifice and commitment to education. It takes a bachelor's degree (4 years) and a DPT program (3 years) to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Some DPTs go on to do more specialized training. Why do students strive so hard to become physical therapist? Most physical therapists are passionate about helping members of their community to become stronger, healthier versions of themselves. A career in physical therapy allows for a lifetime of fulfillment through service to others. A physical therapist must be inquisitive, passionate and have genuine empathy for his fellow man.

“Before Physical Therapy I was
a pain in the neck”

-Pinched nerve



High School Academics

High school academics should focus on adequately preparing your student for the rigors of a science-driven undergraduate degree.

High school curriculum should expose students to **physics**, **chemistry**, **biology**, and higher order math such as **pre-calculus** or **calculus**. These courses, along with the normal complement of English, foreign language and other social studies should provide a solid foundation for the pre-medical work completed in college.

Students should take the ACT and SAT standardized assessments for college admission

Undergraduate Academics

All physical therapy schools require a bachelor's degree which includes the fulfillment of certain prerequisite courses. These courses include:

- General Chemistry I & II
- Biology I & II
- Physics I & II
- Anatomy and Physiology I & II
- English I & II
- Social Sciences (2 semesters)
- Statistics

These courses should be completed prior to the senior year of college, regardless of your major, for application purposes. The GRE is a standardized test required for entrance into graduate school. The GRE sections are Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing

Extracurricular Activities

We all depict a unique story defined by our passions and pursuits. DPT school admission committees search for well-rounded students with personal interests cultivated outside of the school environment. We admonish students to seek out their own personal interests and, if possible, take on a leadership role in that area.

Outside of personal interests, students should consider becoming involved in one or more of the following activities: prior to applying to medical school:

- Clinical Volunteering
- DPT Shadowing
- Medical Missions
- PT Interest Groups
- Undergraduate Research
- PT Research