

# PHYSICAL THERAPY

## Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) - PCOM Georgia

Admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is competitive and selective. PCOM seeks well-rounded, achievement-oriented individuals whose maturity and dedication will lead them to successful careers as physical therapists. An acceptance offered by the Faculty Committee on Admissions is based on the applicant's fulfillment of prerequisite coursework, grade point average (GPA), Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, letters of recommendation, essay and a personal interview.

Your application will be processed and assessed by the Faculty Committee on Admissions only after the receipt of:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (must be completed prior to matriculation)
- Official transcript(s) of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official score report from the GRE - General Test

## Application Process

All inquiries about admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program should be directed to PCOM's Office of Admissions. The physical therapy program participates in the centralized online application service for physical therapy, PTCAS (<https://www.apta.org/cas/ptcas/>). Beginning in mid-June, prospective physical therapy students interested in Fall 2026 admission for the DPT program may submit their application through PTCAS (<https://www.apta.org/cas/ptcas/>), a secure web server. The Faculty Committee on Admissions utilizes a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, applications will be considered throughout the year as received until the desired class size has been reached. However, those applications completed prior to December 1st, 2025 will be given priority.

## Baccalaureate Degree Requirement

For matriculation into this program, an applicant must have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution.

## Prerequisite Coursework

Prior to matriculation, an applicant must have successfully completed the following:

- General/Introductory Biology: two-course sequence for science majors (8 semester-hours credit), must include labs; or two-course sequence in Anatomy & Physiology: two-course sequence for science majors (8 semester-hours credit), must include labs;
  - If the two-course sequence in Biology for science majors is chosen, one additional Biology course with a lab must be completed (preferably advanced biology.)
  - If the two-course sequence in Anatomy and Physiology is chosen, one additional course in Biology with a lab for science majors must be completed.
- General/Introductory Physics: two-course sequence for science majors (8 semester-hours credit), must include labs (sequence should include content related to mechanics, electricity, magnetism, and light);
- General/Introductory Chemistry: two-course sequence for science majors (8 semester-hours credit), must include labs;

- Statistics or biostatistics: one course (3 semester-credit hours);
- Social or behavioral sciences: two courses (6 semester-credit hours); Acceptable courses include psychology (any), sociology, anthropology and world religions.

Applicants must obtain an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a prerequisite grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (as calculated by PTCAS (<https://www.apta.org/cas/ptcas/>)). Grades of D or F are not accepted. If courses are repeated, PCOM will take the highest grade, not an average of all attempts. Prerequisite courses cannot be older than 10 years and must be completed at a regionally-accredited college or university. Foreign coursework will only be reviewed by the submission of a WES evaluation for equivalency.

At the time of application, candidates must have the prerequisite coursework completed or be able to provide a plan in writing that demonstrates the completion of the prerequisites prior to enrollment in the program. This can be achieved by completing the "Planned or In Progress Coursework" section of PTCAS. Note that the requirements for the baccalaureate and all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to matriculation. At least six of the ten required prerequisite courses must be completed before an application will be considered.

## Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a licensed physical therapist. The two remaining letters are preferred to be from any of the following sources:

- College professor
- Employer/Supervisor
- Pre-health professions advisor
- Other healthcare professional
- Clergy

To the extent appropriate, each letter should address the applicant's character, leadership abilities, commitment to service, ability to be self-directed, communication skills and ability to work as a member of a team.

We will accept electronic transcripts via email from Parchment Services and National Student Clearinghouse to [admissions@pcom.edu](mailto:admissions@pcom.edu). Additional letters of recommendation can be sent directly to PCOM Admissions in PDF format to [recommend@pcom.edu](mailto:recommend@pcom.edu). All other admissions documents can be sent to [gaadmissions@pcom.edu](mailto:gaadmissions@pcom.edu).

## Standardized Test Scores

Along with a completed application, letters of recommendation and transcripts, candidates to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program must submit an official score report from the GRE General Test to be considered for admission. The PCOM Georgia PTCAS code for the GRE is 2849.

The minimum GRE scores required are as follows: GRE-V, 146; GRE-Q, 144; and GRE-W, 3.0. PCOM will take the highest score of multiple attempts. A combined score of 290 or above for verbal and quantitative are accepted.

## Healthcare Experience Requirements

There are no specific requirements for health care experiences to be eligible for enrollment. Applicants should, however, be able to demonstrate breadth and depth of knowledge about the practice of physical therapy through meaningful experiences demonstrated through a completed application for admission. Any volunteer work or paid work

in a clinical setting wherein candidates are either providing hands-on care or witnessing care first hand is valued. Healthcare shadowing experiences are also highly recommended.

## Assessing Applicants for Interview Consideration

On receipt of a completed application, each applicant will be screened to determine if they are to be invited for an on-campus interview. The following will be considered during the screening process:

- Academic ability based on GPA (overall and prerequisite) and GRE scores. Admission to PCOM's PT program is very competitive and selective. Higher GPA and GRE scores will enhance your chances of being selected for an interview.
- Major and minor areas of undergraduate study
- Observation/experience in physical therapy (quantity and variety)
- Leadership
- Interest in underserved populations
- Personal interests

All applicants selected for an interview will be contacted via e-mail and guided to our application portal to sign up for an interview time slot. Please note, although all applicants who are eventually accepted must be interviewed, the granting of an interview does not guarantee acceptance into the program. On the day of the interview, applicants may have an opportunity to talk with admissions staff and current students. The interviews are conducted by a panel consisting of physical therapy program faculty. Current students may also be involved.

Following the completion of the admissions process, each applicant is notified of the Admission Committee's decision via their PCOM application portal, including any conditions that must be satisfied prior to enrollment in the program.

## Enrollment Requirements

Accepted applicants are asked to submit a \$1000 deposit by January 15th, 2026. This fee is non-refundable and is credited to student's tuition account.

## Policy on Transfer of Credits

The Department of Physical Therapy does not routinely accept transfer students; however, a transfer application may be considered under extenuating circumstances and depending on the availability of places within the class. In order to be considered, a prospective student must provide documentation of the circumstances necessitating the transfer and must be in good standing in a CAPTE-accredited program of physical therapy. The applicant must be able to demonstrate equivalency of courses undertaken with courses within the DPT curriculum. Credit will only be granted for courses that "match" courses within the DPT curriculum and for which a grade of B or higher was achieved. A maximum of 9 credit hours may be transferred. A minimum of two years must be completed at PCOM for a student to be eligible to receive the DPT degree.

## Questions

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email at [gaadmissions@pcom.edu](mailto:gaadmissions@pcom.edu).