

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**  
**SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**DIVISION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**  
**ADMISSION APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Thank you for your recent inquiry about the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University's (FAMU) Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Admissions information may also be found in the FAMU General Catalog and on the School of Allied Health Sciences, Division of Physical Therapy and Graduate School web sites at [www.famu.edu](http://www.famu.edu).

The Entry-Level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program selects students based on 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 strongly encouraged to be 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).

**PTCAS**  
**P.O. Box 9112**  
**Watertown, MA 02471**  
[ptcasinfo@ptcas.org](mailto: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](http://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  $\geq 3.0$ . **The GRE code for FAMUs Doctor of Physical Therapy program is 5215.** GRE scores must be less than 5 years old.

### **Other Requirements**

The FAMU School of Graduate Studies and Research also requires the following items to be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- A \$30 non-refundable application fee.
- 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](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:
    - Admission Application for current FAMU students and FAMU alumni
    - Admission Application for Non-FAMU U.S. Students
    - 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,
- Immunization Form at <http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?shs&Immunizations>. 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. *It is your responsibility to confirm that all your materials have been received by PTCAS and subsequently by the School of Graduate Studies & Research.*

**Florida A&M University  
School of Graduate Studies and Research  
Admissions Office  
515 Orr Drive,  
Room 469 Tucker Hall  
Tallahassee, FL 32307**

**(850) 599-3505**

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.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

Course Or Named Substitute	Credits
Biological Sciences (Must be courses for science majors. Anatomy and physiology may be combined or separate)	
Biology I w/Lab	4
Biology II w/Lab	4
Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab (Vertebrate Physiology or Chordate, Comparative or Human Physiology course)	4
Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/Lab (Vertebrate Physiology or Chordate, Comparative or Human Physiology course)	4
Chemistry (Must be courses for science majors)	
Chemistry I w/Lab	4
Chemistry II w/Lab	4
Physics (Must be courses for science majors)	
College Physics I w/Lab	4
Physics II w/Lab	4
Mathematics (Upper level)	
Statistics	3
Psychology/Sociology	
A General Psychology + an additional Developmental Psychology or equivalent or sociology	6
TOTAL	41

**Note:** A grade of C (not C-) is the minimum grade considered as acceptable for any one of the prerequisite courses. However, the "average" grade required across all prerequisite science courses is B (3.0).

- **The following courses are not required, but are recommended as electives to provide a strong base for the DPT curriculum:**
  - Management
  - Neuroscience
  - Exercise Physiology
  - Medical Terminology
  - English Composition or writing
- Students must have prior competency in computer skills such as word processing, spread sheets, and presentation software and a working knowledge of medical terminology.

**Funding**

While graduate assistantships are the ideal source of funding in graduate school, financial resources are limited. You must be a fully, regularly admitted student to receive funding. Please visit the School of Graduate Studies & Research Web site to search for funding options. Applicants are also encouraged to seek work-study positions in administrative offices around the university such as residence halls, Student Recreation Center/Campus Recreation, athletics, and other service offices.

### **Useful Links**

[School of Graduate Studies & Research](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

[Student Recreation Center/Campus Recreation](#)

[About Tallahassee](#)

[Information for Prospective Students](#)

[APTA Scholarships and Grants](#)

[APTA Private Scholarship Resources](#)

[Applying for Florida Residency](#)