



FAULKNER

PHYSICAL THERAPY

What makes Faulkner University's DPT program unique?

The DPT program is a new program housed in a brand new state of the art facility. The facilities were designed to foster interprofessional collaboration of both faculty and students. The curriculum is based on contemporary practice and educational methods designed to develop high performing leaders in the profession. Faculty are committed to the growth and development of the whole person and their relationship with God, each other, and their community. Early clinical exposure provides real world application of knowledge. Students will be challenged to think critically, reflect, collaborate, seek knowledge and truth, and live with integrity and compassion. Graduates will leave Faulkner with the ability to make an immediate impact on patients, the community and the profession as well as the skills to adapt to the ever changing health care environment.

Will I be able to choose where I will go for my full-time clinical experiences?

Yes, students will have the opportunity to choose from local, regional, and national sites for their clinical affiliations. To ensure a best fit and optimal chance for success, students will be required to get approval from the PT faculty and the Director of Clinical Education.

What is the GPA requirement?

Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or greater (4.0 scale) in the following:

- Prerequisite Courses
- Last 60 hrs of undergraduate degree

Overall G.P.A. will also be considered, therefore it is strongly recommended that the overall GPA be at least a 3.0 as well.

I don't have a bachelor's degree, can I still apply?

Yes you can apply but applicants must complete a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to beginning the program. We will accept students with bachelor's degrees in any field, as long as you meet the prerequisite requirements.

Do I need to finish all of the requirements before I can apply?

Applications will be accepted with prerequisite courses outstanding however, applicants must complete all courses and earn a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation. Students must complete 12 of the 14 prerequisite courses by January 1st of the admission cycle year in order to be considered.

What if I took my courses a long time ago?

All science courses must be taken within 10 years of the admission cycle year. Credit for courses older than 10 years may be made through validation by examination or other appropriate mechanism. All courses must also be from an accredited institution.

I got a “C” in a prerequisite course, should I retake it?

Repeating a course is allowed, however, the grades will be averaged and only the first retake will be used. Additional retakes will not be considered. If you choose to retake a course, it is strongly suggested that you only do so if you feel confident you can improve your grade. Remember that if you are able to earn an A in the course, the A will be averaged with the C. So your grade will be recorded as a B.

What if I did better in an upper level course, can I substitute that grade instead?

In situations where students went above the prerequisite course requirement, the highest grade earned will be utilized to calculate prerequisite GPA. Ex. If an applicant earned a C in general chemistry, but an A in organic chemistry, the A will be used for the chemistry grade.

Do you have a required minimum GRE score?

No we do not. Since the GRE is a standardized test, it can be a strong predictor of success in passing the licensure exam (NPTE), which is also a standardized test. Therefore, higher GRE scores are considered when we rank applicants and make selections for interviews. If applicants have taken the GRE more than one time, we only consider the highest scores earned.

Do you have a preference for Alabama applicants?

No. We do not have an in-state preference. Because we are a private institution, we do not take applicants' state of residence into consideration when making acceptance offers.

Do you have a preference for Faulkner University applicants?

Yes. We give preference to Faulkner University applicants, as well as applicants who are Church of Christ members. However, we strongly encourage students from all universities and backgrounds to apply.

When is your application deadline?

Class of 2026 Priority Deadline is October 3rd, 2022 and Final Deadline registration is May 1st, 2023

How many students are accepted into the DPT program each year?

Our program will accept a maximum of 50 students each year.

What can I do to be a more competitive applicant?

We look at a variety of factors in addition to GPA and GRE scores. We are looking for applicants who have demonstrated a strong desire to become a physical therapist, have a record of service, positive interview and letters of recommendation.

What is the program's accreditation status?

Effective April 27th 2021, Faulkner University has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 334-386-7378 or email physicaltherapy@faulkner.edu. Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.

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In the fall of 2023, the program will submit the application for full accreditation to CAPTE. A decision on full accreditation will be made in April of 2024. Please feel free to reach out to the program with any questions or concerns.