PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical therapy is defined as the assessment, evaluation, and treatment and prevention of physical disability, movement dysfunction and pain resulting from injury, disease, disability, or other health-related conditions. It includes: (1) the performance and interpretation of tests and measurements to access pathophysiological, pathomechanical, electrophysiological, ergonomic, and developmental deficits of bodily systems to determine diagnosis, treatment, progress and prevention; (2) the planning, administration, and modification of therapeutic interventions that focus on posture, locomotion, strength, joint mobility, pain, healing, repair, etc. in daily activities; (3) the provision of consultative, educational, research and other advisory services.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS & CHATTANOOGA

Requirements and Prerequisites		**Total Hours**
English Composition	ENG101, 102	6
General Biology I & II*	BIO111 & 112	8
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
General Physics I & II	PHS201 & 202	8
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Psychology	PSY210 & 218 or 210 & 310	6
Speech	COM140	3
Mathematics	MAT101 & 235	6
Humanities & Social Science	Spanish, (child, adolescent or abnormal) psychology, personality development, psychology of adjustment, sociology, anthropology, economics, counseling, human relations, political science, philosophy, logic, English literature, history, fine arts, religion	12
Total Semester Hour Credits		65

*It would be to your advantage to take more science courses than the minimum required.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? __X__ YES ____ NO

A baccalaureate degree, which includes prerequisite courses for the program, must be completed prior to enrollment with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale. Experience has shown that generally a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.00 must be presented for the applicant to be competitive. Credit hours for non-theory physical education, music and military science are not accepted in fulfillment of required number of hours. Priority is given to students who have competed at least a portion of each required course sequence by the fall term prior to application. The student will graduate with a Doctor of Physical Therapy at the end of three years.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

UT-Memphis requires observation of a physical therapist. Most applicants typically spend at least 100 hours in a variety of work settings, (community, rehab, pediatrics, geriatrics) to give you a broad exposure to the field.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS: 3.45

Applicants need a 3.0 GPA o above to be competitive. Taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is also required. No minimal score was given.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Early application deadline: November 1
Regular application deadline: January 15

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES
HARDING UNIVERSITY
SEARCY, ARK

Harding Requirements and Prerequisites	Equivalent Course at FHU	Hours
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
General Biology II	BIO112	4
Human A&P I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
General Psychology	PSY210	3
Developmental or Abnormal Psychology	PSY310 or 218	3
Medical Terminology	BIO115	1
Mathematics	MAT101, 120, or 122	3
Upper Level Animal-Based Biology	BIO312, 333 or 335*	4
Statistics	MAT235	3
General Physics I & II	PHS201 & 202	8

***Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry may be accepted.** It would be to your advantage to take more science courses than the minimum required, such as additional chemistries or other life science, or social sciences beyond the minimum.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? __X__ YES ____ NO

A baccalaureate degree, which includes prerequisite courses for the program, must be completed prior to enrollment with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for the prerequisites. Experience has shown that generally a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.00 must be presented for the applicant to be competitive. CLEP credit may not be used for any of the pre-requisites. AP credit may be accepted if the undergraduate institution counts it.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

A minimum of 100 hours of observation in a variety of physical therapy settings is required.

ADMISSION EXAM: GRE

Taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is also required. No minimal score was given.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: End of the spring semester prior to beginning the program.