

## **Direct Entry Admission**

### ***Current USI Student Applicants***

#### **Doctor of Physical Therapy**

##### **2025-2026**

University of Southern Indiana (USI) students are eligible to apply for direct entry (DE) admission after completing their sophomore year or four full-time semesters at USI. At the time of application, you must hold a 3.5 cumulative GPA and 3.35 science prerequisite GPA, and complete 20 observation hours. Students must submit the DE application and transcripts and conduct an interview with a PT faculty member as part of the DE admission process. To begin the application process, please contact Jennifer Simon, PT operations and admissions administrator, at [js698@evansville.edu](mailto:js698@evansville.edu) to request the DE application and schedule an advising appointment.

If you are selected for direct entry, a seat will be reserved and you will enter the DPT program after completing bachelor's degree requirements and pre-requisite coursework. The DPT program is three years (nine semesters including summers) of professional study and clinical training.

To matriculate into the DPT Program as a direct entry student you must:

- Complete a minimum of 4 semesters or 48 credit hours and 4 out of the 7 science prerequisite courses (see courses below) must be completed at USI.
- Achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) by the end of the summer following your sophomore year. A GPA of 3.5 or higher must be maintained through the fall semester of the senior year.
- Achieve a 3.35 or higher science prerequisite GPA by the end of the summer following the sophomore year. A prerequisite science GPA of 3.35 or higher must be maintained through the fall semester of the senior year.

- Earn a grade of C or higher in all undergraduate course work. *Note: A grade of C- does not meet this requirement.*
- Complete four of the seven science prerequisite courses by the end of the summer following your sophomore year.
  - All remaining prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C, not C-, or higher before entering the DPT Program.
- Be involved in at least one campus activity each semester.
- Complete a **minimum** of 20 hours of physical therapy observations each year. At least two different types of physical therapy settings must be represented in the total hours.
- Submit the following documents to the UE School of Physical Therapy no later than September 15, in the fall of your junior year of college.
  - Direct Entry Verification Form
  - All college transcripts
    - An unofficial copy of your USI transcript is acceptable.
    - Verification of degree completion
  - Complete a criminal background check

## Prerequisite Courses

The following prerequisite courses must be completed before matriculating into the DPT Program.

Prerequisite Course	Credit Hours	USI example course
General Biology with lab*	4	BIOL 141
Anatomy and Physiology with lab (2 semesters)*	8	BIOL 121 and 122
General Chemistry with lab (2 semesters)*	8	CHEM 261 and 262
General Physics with lab (2 semesters)*	8	PHY 175 and 176
Introductory Statistics**	3	STAT 241 or 251
Introductory Psychology	3	
Medical Terminology	1	

\* Courses are counted as science pre-requisites.

\*\* Statistics is included with the science pre-requisites to calculate science pre-requisite GPA.

An applicant may repeat two of the prerequisite courses except for Medical Terminology. The highest grade will be used when calculating the science and stats prerequisite GPA.

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