



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

An At-A-Glance Guide to Becoming a Strong Candidate for DPT Admission



- Identify the primary and secondary programs to which you want to apply.
- Review the websites of programs to which you intend to apply.
- Make sure that you meet or exceed all program requirements:
 - Have you taken all of the prerequisite courses?
 - Is your GPA high enough?
 - Do you have sufficient clinical observation hours?
 - Have you taken the GRE?
- Do not call the PT program without having reviewed the program's website.
- Apply via PTCAS early (check the program application dates for individual programs).
- Attend any available open houses/information sessions:
 - Get to know the faculty members and allow them to get to know you (at least by name recognition).
 - Dress professionally.
- If possible, take courses recommended by the program—even if they are not required.
- Take the application essay very seriously! Faculty members review essays and critically assess how students write with respect to organization, reasoning, grammar, punctuation, etc.
- Often the application process is weighted, meaning higher GPAs and GREs are awarded more points. Do the best you can in all areas to maximize your overall score.
- If the program conducts interviews, always participate and dress professionally.
- Prepare for the interview:
 - Review the APTA Vision and Code of Ethics.
 - Prepare to answer questions like, "Where do you see the profession in five years?" or, "Where do you see yourself in five years?"
- Come with questions to ask the faculty about the program:
 - Review the program's history and mission.
 - Read faculty profiles and research interests.
- Be prepared to defend why you are the one that should be accepted over other individuals with the same credentials.
- Be yourself, smile, and don't forget to breathe during an interview process!

Accreditation

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave. Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703.706.3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capeonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Dr. Nancy Nuzzo at 863.680.5126 or email nnuzzo@flsouthern.edu.