



The PTCAS application for the Summer 2021 cohort (June) will open on July 5, 2020. www.ptcas.org

Utica College Doctor of Physical Therapy Information Page

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Thank you for your interest in Utica College for your physical therapy education.

We pride ourselves on being a small, personalized and effective program dedicated to providing excellent education and training to our PT students. Our success can be measured by talking with any of the hundreds of UC PT alumni who live and work throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

Before you apply, please review the information below. **We are a highly competitive program and have specific requirements.** If after reading this you have any further questions about the program, please contact John Rowe jrowe@utica.edu or Lynn Cope lcope@utica.edu in the Graduate Admissions Office at (315) 792-3010.

1. We have limited availability each year because UC has its own 3+3 program for PT.

Utica College is a "guaranteed freshman admit" school for PT which means that several seats in our 36 seat cohort are taken up by our own internal students who were accepted as freshmen and have met continuation requirements. The remaining seats are filled from a pool of external applicants who apply through PTCAS.

*Note: **Utica College undergraduates with a health studies major or a biology major** must apply as external candidates through the PTCAS application process. They are considered as external candidates and compete for seats with applicants from other schools.*

Utica College applicants can apply starting in July before their senior year.

Normally we have approximately 10 to 20 seats to fill from PTCAS external applicants. We also maintain a wait list that expires at the beginning of the cohort start each year (mid-June).

The deadline to apply for the Utica College DPT program cohort that begins in June 2021 is March 15, 2021.

2. Our program has a specific minimum GPA requirement to apply.

You must have an OVERALL GPA of 3.2 or higher to apply.

While you may apply with a 3.2, please understand that the average GPA of accepted students is usually higher. For example, the recent cohort that started in Summer 2019 (Class of 2022) had an average overall GPA of 3.5.

3. Utica College requires a specific set of prerequisites and minimum grades for those prerequisite courses.

Utica College requires that **ten prerequisites** be met successfully by June 1, 2021.

Prerequisite courses that **require a grade of B- or better** (a B- or better is required in both lecture and lab).

- A&P 1 with lab
- A&P 2 with lab
- An upper level Biology (at the 300 or 400 level)
- College Physics 1 with lab
- College Physics 2 with lab
- College Chemistry 1 with lab
- Either College Chemistry 2 with lab or Organic Chemistry with lab

Note: While B-'s are acceptable for science prerequisites, candidates must also have a minimum Science GPA of 3.0 as configured in the PTCAS application.

A student may repeat no more than two prerequisite science courses and any prerequisite science course may be repeated only once.

Remaining prerequisites - A minimum grade of C or better in each of the major or major related required courses (a grade of C- is NOT an acceptable grade)

- Two psychology courses (any course with a psychology prefix)
- Statistics

We understand that your school may have different course titles. If you are unsure if a course at your school meets the Utica College prerequisite requirements, please email a copy of the course description, name and number to John Rowe (jrowe@utica.edu) or Lynn Cope (lcope@utica.edu) in Graduate Admissions for review.

Very Important:

- Only **one retake** of the seven science prerequisites in order to earn a B- or better is allowed for our program. Retaking a prerequisite science course twice will disqualify your application.
- **You are only allowed to retake two prerequisite science courses one time (each).** A retake of more than three science prerequisites will disqualify your application.
- Successful completion of all prerequisites does NOT constitute a guarantee of acceptance.

4. We DO NOT Require the GRE or any other graduate examination.

5. Knowledge of the profession through work or volunteer experience is REQUIRED before your interview.

40 total hours of clinical observation with a practicing PT is required in at least two different settings. **At least 10 hours of this experience must be in an acute care/inpatient setting** with the remainder of the experience in one or more other clinical settings. A Clinical Observation Sheet must be completed by the attending PT for each experience. The observation form is part of the PTCAS application.

Please Note: Your clinical observation experiences and what you learned from them are a critical part of the interview process at Utica College. You need to have a significant number of observations hours completed before you are interviewed (Interview days are from late October through early February).

6. If your application is selected by the admissions committee you will be invited to UC for an Interview Day.

The admissions committee holds Interview Days from late October through January for selected applicants. We normally invite between 40 and 50 applicants to our interview days.

An Interview Day at UC consists of interviews with faculty, a tour of campus, lunch with current DPT students, observation in a DPT class and an information session about the DPT curriculum.

During the interview, it is important to be able to clearly explain why you want to be a PT, what you have learned through clinical observations of practicing PT's and what motivated you to prepare yourself to enter a graduate PT program.

The DPT Interview Day is a chance for the committee to get to know more about you beyond your PTCAS application. Conversely, it is also a time for you to get to know UC better in order to see if our program is a good fit for you.

7. Utica College uses the PTCAS Centralized Application Service

Utica College uses the PTCAS Centralized Application Service through APTA . The application portal opens in early July each year. (www.ptcas.org) **You may apply for the Summer 2020 cohort by going to the PTCAS site when it opens on July 5, 2020. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2021. Because of the significant number of applications we receive each year, you should apply as early as possible.**

You may apply to several colleges using a single PTCAS application. However, please keep in mind that you must pay a fee for each school you send your application to. That is why it is important to meet or be working toward meeting all Utica College criteria before applying.

Note: Utica College and the Graduate Admissions Office will only consider those PTCAS applications that meet our application criteria and are VERIFIED in PTCAS.

8. Utica College has a three year program that includes three summers.

The course and clinical schedule is as follows:

Summer 1	June – August	7 credits
DPT 561	Professional Development I: Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
DPT 564	Human Gross Anatomy	6
Fall 1	Foundations of Physical Therapy	16 credits
DPT 582	Clinical Sciences Foundation	3
DPT 584	Movement Science	3
DPT 586	Examination/Evaluation	4
DPT 587	Interventions	4
DPT 588	Prevention, Health Promotion and Wellness	1
DPT 589	Caring for the Community I	1
Spring 1	Patient Management: Musculoskeletal System	16 credits
DPT 591	Professional Development II	2
DPT 592	Clinical Sciences: Musculoskeletal System	3
DPT 593	Case Analysis: Musculoskeletal System	2
DPT 595	Evidence in Clinical Practice I	2
DPT 596	Examination/Evaluation of the Musculoskeletal System	3
DPT 597	Interventions for the Musculoskeletal System	3
DPT 599	Caring for the Community II	1
Summer 2	Neuroanatomy and Clinical Education I	10 credits

DPT 654	Neuroscience May - June	4
DPT 659	Clinical Education I July – August (6 weeks within the semester)	6
Fall 2	Patient Management: Neuromuscular System	16 credits
DPT 682	Clinical Sciences: Neuromuscular System	3
DPT 683	Case Analysis: Neuromuscular System	2
DPT 684	Motor Development, Learning and Control	2
DPT 685	Evidence in Clinical Practice II	2
DPT 686	Examination/Evaluation of the Neuromuscular System	3
DPT 687	Interventions for the Neuromuscular System	3
DPT 689	Caring for the Community III	1
Spring 2	Patient Management: Additional Systems	16 credits
DPT 692	Clinical Sciences: Additional Systems	3
DPT 693	Case Analysis: Additional Systems	2
DPT 695	Evidence in Clinical Practice III – Capstone Experience	2
DPT 696	Examination/Interventions: Cardiovascular, Pulmonary, and Other Systems	4
DPT 697	Examination/Interventions: Integumentary and Other Systems	4
DPT 699	Caring for the Community IV	1
Summer 3	Patient Management: Multi-Systems (DATES TBD)	6 credits
DPT 751	Professional Development III	3
DPT 753	Case Analysis - Clinical Decision Making: Multi-Systems	2
DPT 756	Examination/Interventions: Multi-Systems	1
Fall 3	Clinical Education	12 credits
DPT 779	Clinical Education II	12
Spring 3	Clinical Education: Preparation for Transition to Licensed Professional	13 credits
DPT 789	Clinical Education III	12
DPT 789	Practice Exam and Assessment Tool (PEAT)	1
Total Credits:		112