

**Tennessee State University**  
**Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**  
**Admissions Requirements**

- **In order to qualify for an Interview, you must meet the following requirements:**

**1. Prerequisite GPA** - minimum 3.0:

**REQUIRED Prerequisites**

- I. **Anatomy/Physiology – an anatomy course WITH dissection is preferred**
  - One course in anatomy with Lab **AND** One course in physiology with Lab  
or
  - A two-course sequence in Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab
- II. **Biological Sciences:** Two courses in biological sciences (not botany) with Lab– must be equivalent course level as General Biology I and II, or above
- III. **Chemistry:** Two courses in general chemistry with Lab - must be equivalent course level as General Chemistry I and II or above
- IV. **Physics:** Two courses in general physics with Lab - must be equivalent course level as General Physics I and II or above. Non-calculus Physics recommended.
- V. **Psychology:** One course in psychology – must be offered through Psychology Department/have a PSYCH prefix in course title.
- VI. **Research:** One course in statistics – any introductory level of statistics and research methodology

**It is Recommended that you take the following courses:**

1. Anatomy with dissection and/or a focus on Neuro-Musculo-Skeletal systems.
2. Higher level physiology/biology/anatomy courses (with dissection)
3. Medical Terminology

**2. Overall GPA** - minimum 3.0

- 3. CASPER Assessment** - Applicants must sign up for specific date/time to take this assessment and it must be taken prior to submitting PTCAS Application. Casper is an online, open-response situational judgment test (SJT). It asks what you would do in a tough situation, and more importantly, why. This helps determine behavioral tendencies of applicants pursuing people-centered professions.

**4. GRE (Graduate Record Exam)** - No minimum - Recommended 150/150

- 5. An Interview** by invitation only will be granted based on 4 criteria above.

If invited for an interview, you will also answer an **Essay** question while onsite for the interview.

Along with the Interview and Essay, our admission decision will also take into account your **References**.

- 6. Two References** (scores): One PT and one other reference is required. No family members or politicians are allowed to be a reference. Make sure your references complete the Scoring section, not just submit a letter of recommendation.
  
- 7. Observation Hours (Required): 40 TOTAL hours of observation in TWO different Physical Therapy Settings (PT Tech hours are accepted)**