

Physical Therapy 4+3 (BA/BS to D.P.T.)

Degree Type

D.P.T.

Students who are admitted to the College under 4+3 undergraduate major program are guaranteed continuation into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program (DPT), providing all prerequisite courses and undergraduate degree program requirements are met. Students who are admitted to the 4+3 program complete the bachelor's degree in four years and the DPT program in three years.

Undergraduate transfer students who have completed courses at other institutions may progress into the DPT program, with acceptance based on space availability, students' qualifications, and previous college coursework. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 45 undergraduate credits at RSC prior to entering the DPT program, during which time Russell Sage College undergraduate major coursework, general education requirements, and DPT program course prerequisites must be completed. In some cases it may take more than three terms to complete.

The baccalaureate degree is awarded from RSC in the spring of the fourth year. The DPT degree is awarded from Russell Sage College at the end of the seventh year. The first formal review for eligibility to progress into the DPT program will occur at the end of the fall semester of the fourth year (undergraduate). Students not meeting the requirements for continuation at that time will be re-reviewed at the end of the spring semester. If they meet the requirements at that time, they will be admitted on a space-available basis.

Prerequisite Support Courses

- The following courses must be completed *prior to* beginning the DPT program.
 - BIO 415 Cell and Molecular Biology w/lab may be taken for BIO 220
 - Specific course grades and GPAs are required - see notes below

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 220	Cell Biology	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Lifespan Development (PSY 202 or PSY 208)	3-4
	Chemistry Sequence	8
	Physics Sequence	8
	Statistics: MAT 220 or PSY 207	4

Academic Requirements to Progress into the DPT

- Completion of the bachelor's degree and DPT Program prerequisite courses prior to beginning the DPT Program
- Completion of 45 credits in residence at RSC (minimum) to meet the undergraduate major and general education requirements and DPT Program prerequisites
- Earned minimum of grade of C or better (2.000) in all DPT Program prerequisite courses
- No more than three repeated courses of previously passed courses (any grade other than "F" or "W"). The grade of the 2nd attempt will be the grade used in GPA calculations
- Earned overall GPA of at least 3.250 for all college coursework
- Earned science GPA of at least 3.250 in DPT Program prerequisite science coursework, Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Cell Biology, Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II; (28 credits)
- Completion of at least 40 hours of physical therapy clinical observation under the direction of a licensed physical therapist before beginning the professional program

Completion of the Progression Process (4+3 students only)

Procedures for Progression into the DPT Program

For students who entered RSC directly from High School:

By December 1 of the fourth year students progressing into the DPT Program will:

1. Arrange for a meeting with their DPT Program faculty advisor
2. Complete DPT application forms (Academic Standards Statement, Clinical Observation Document, Prerequisite Form) available from the PT Department office.
3. Submit transcripts from all college institutions attended (if not already on file)
4. Provide a current resume
5. Submit one letter of recommendation from a Sage faculty member
6. Submit a career goals essay

For students who entered RSC as undergraduate transfer students:

Students who transferred into RSC from another college must complete the online application process through the Physical Therapist Central Application Service, known as PTCAS. For more information about this process please visit the Physical Therapy Department web page or the PTCAS web page (both are listed below).

1. Arrange for an interview with their DPT Program faculty advisor
2. Complete the online application process through PTCAS (www.ptcas.org)
3. Complete DPT Program supplemental application form for PTCAS applicants
4. Submit transcripts from all college institutions attended to Russell Sage College (if not already on file)

Admission Requirements

High School Applicants:

Students who are admitted to the pre-professional level of the DPT directly from high school are guaranteed continuation into the professional DPT providing all prerequisite courses, academic and program requirements are met in the 4+3 program. The successful high school applicant will meet admission requirements to RSC.

Transfer Applicants:

Transfer students who have completed courses at another institution may apply for admission to RSC for the Bachelor's degree leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy. Transfer students who are admitted to major program with a DPT track are guaranteed continuation into the DPT providing all prerequisite undergraduate courses, academic and program requirements are met. The successful transfer applicant will demonstrate the following academic profile:

- Earned overall 3.250 GPA for all college coursework
- Earned Science GPA of at least 3.250 in DPT Program prerequisite science coursework completed to date; Anatomy & Physiology I and II; Cell Biology, Chemistry I and II; and Physics I and II (28 credits)
- Minimum grade of "C" or better in all PT Program prerequisite courses to be transferred from another institution.

Articulation Agreements

Russell Sage College has articulation agreements with many institutions that provide a seamless transfer into the DPT program. For more information about the agreements please visit <https://www.sage.edu/about/community-resources/consumer-information/articulation-agreements/>.

Total Credits

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