

Direct Freshman Entry – BS/DPT

This pathway is appropriate for:

- High school seniors applying to LMU who would like to complete their BS in Exercise and Rehabilitation Science degree and DPT degree in 6 years.

LMU undergraduate admission criteria:

1. High school graduate with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
2. Minimum composite ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 1010.

Additionally, students who wish to pursue this pathway, must meet the following criteria for BS/DPT track admission:

1. High school graduate with a science and math grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
2. Minimum math (21) and reading (23) ACT score or minimum SAT score of 1100.
3. *Three years of science including Chemistry and Biology.
 - a. One year of physics is strongly recommended.
4. 3 years of college prep math (algebra, geometry, advanced algebra and/or trigonometry).
5. Students will be required to answer a Physical Therapy focused writing prompt/personal statement.
6. Two (2) character references (choose 2 of the following)
 - a. Guidance counselor/ humanities teacher
 - b. Science Teacher
 - c. Coach
 - d. Employer

Freshmen admitted as BS/DPT students will be granted conditional acceptance into the Professional phase of the DPT program upon satisfactory completion of the above requirements. Students must also complete LMU's general education core curriculum requirements in addition to the BS requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree in Exercise and Rehabilitation Science at the end of the first year of the Professional DPT program.

Criteria for successful progression to the Professional phase:

- Students must complete 45 observation/shadowing hours prior to entering the Professional phase of the DPT program
 - 15 hours in an inpatient hospital or sub-acute setting
 - 15 hours in an outpatient orthopedic setting
 - 15 hours students' choice of setting/experience
- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 each semester in all LMU courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA overall in prerequisites (students may not receive lower than a "C" in any of these courses)
 - LMU courses satisfying prerequisites include the following:
 - BIOL 111-112 General Biology I and II (General Biology)
 - CHEM 111-112 General Chemistry I and II (General Chemistry)
 - PHYS 211-212 General Physics I and II (Physics w/ labs)
 - BIOL 310 Comparative Vertebrate A & P (Human Anatomy)
 - BIOL 365 General Human Physiology
 - PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology (General Psychology)
 - PSYC 340 Abnormal Psychology OR PSYC 221 Child and Adolescent OR PSYC 222 Adult Development
 - MATH 270 Probability and Statistics OR PSYC 280 Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences
 - AHSC 300 Medical Terminology
 - Students require approval of the DPT program Director to receive prerequisite credit for any course other than the ones listed.