The DPT requires completion of a Baccalaureate degree (e.g., BA or BS) from an accredited college or university, followed by 36 months of professional training in Jackson at UMMC or at a physical therapy school in another state.

Pre-requisites for applying to the UM program are:

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Five of the above 8 courses must be completed to be eligible to apply to DPT school.

* Prerequisite score of 25 on Math section of ACT, 580 on Math section of SAT, B min. in Math 125 or higher, or B min. in Chem 101 is necessary.
** Math 121 and Math 123, or Math 125, or Math 261 is pre-requisite.
*** Must be taken at a senior college.
**** Acceptable sciences: 300 level or above Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics. 300-level Chemistry courses require one year of general chemistry (CHEM 105, 115 & 106, 116) and one year of organic chemistry (CHEM 221,225 & 222, 226); 300-level math requires calculus I & II (261 & 262).

In addition to the DPT pre-requisites included above, students should be First Aid-CPR certified. A First Aid course (HP 203) can be scheduled as an elective.

A minimum of 40 hours of observation in two or more PT clinical departments, with no more than 20 hours at any one site, is also required. LIBA 101 is recommended; this is a unique offering to Ole Miss PT and OT students that introduces enrollees to both careers and field experiences through a two credit hour Pass/Fail course. Observation hours are required before making application. Contact Kathryn Brasher at 662-513-7901 or by email at kcole@nmrc.state.ms.us for more information.

APPLYING
When nearing the end of the undergraduate program, students can apply to the DPT program in Jackson or other programs around the country. The professional DPT degree is a 36-month educational program, beginning in the summer session each year.
1. **Priority consideration is given by the UMC program to applicants who are Mississippi residents.** Non-residents should identify target institutions and obtain a copy of requirements for admissions. Programs in other states may have slightly different pre-requisites!

2. To be considered at UMC, students must have earned a minimum 3.00 overall GPA on a 4.0 scale for all courses, including pre-requisites. However, a **GPA of 3.5** is competitive! No grade below C will be accepted on prerequisites. All grades, including repeat courses and failing grades, are used in calculating the GPA (forgiveness policy not used). Students that make low scores on pre-requisites are encouraged to re-take those courses to demonstrate competency.

3. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.

4. Applications may be submitted from 1 July to 1 November for program beginning June 1st of each year. Final fall transcripts must be submitted by end of the following January. Official GRE score report, First Aid certification, a resume, other application materials and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required.

For more information about the Doctorate of Physical Therapy at UMC, visit [http://www.umc.edu/Education/Schools/Health_Related_Professions/Physical_Therapy/Physical_Therapy_Home.aspx](http://www.umc.edu/Education/Schools/Health_Related_Professions/Physical_Therapy/Physical_Therapy_Home.aspx)

You are invited to the **Program Awareness Day** each spring as well as the **Program Focus Day** each fall at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Health-Related Professions to learn more about the DPT program. Check the SHRP website for dates: [http://www.umc.edu/shrp/](http://www.umc.edu/shrp/)

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