



SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
& REHABILITATION SCIENCES
MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

DPT 2020 Welcome Packet

Action items in this packet (click embedded link below):

1. [Submit residency forms and documentation](#)
2. [Purchase a stethoscope](#)
3. [Prepare to demonstrate medical terminology competency](#)
4. [Submit final transcripts in hard copy \(if currently available\)](#)
5. [Consent to background check](#)
6. [Complete FAFSA, if applicable](#)

Dates to note:

- July 26-28, 2017 DPT 2020 Fall Preview
- July 28, 2017 DPT 2020 Family Day
- July 31, 2017 *Professions of Health* course begins
- August 14, 2017 Other courses begin
- October 19, 2017 Commitment to Professionalism (White Coat) Ceremony

COMMUNICATION

E-mail is our primary means of communication with students. We will use the “preferred email address” on file in PTCAS. We may also send mailings via the U.S. postal service. DPT students must communicate e-mail or U.S. mail address changes to the School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences (Lynne Bolt Hansen – lhansen@health.usf.edu). Many forms can be submitted electronically, and we will specify any documents that must be submitted in hard copy (e.g., final transcripts, see below). For hard copy documents, please use this address:

School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences
Attn: Lynne Bolt Hansen
12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., **MDC 77** (**BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS PART**)
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL 33612

SUBMIT RESIDENCY FORMS

The completed Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes form must be submitted **directly** to Lynne Bolt Hansen (not to the USF Admissions Office address given on the form) by all students, along with high-resolution copies of the required documentation. It is of utmost importance that the instructions be followed carefully, as submitting the document incorrectly will hinder you from being able to complete additional next steps. For those who do not plan to claim Florida residency, please be sure to complete the “Non-Florida Resident” section on the first page. *Note:* Effective July 1, 2009, non-resident students who come to Florida and enroll in a Florida post-secondary educational institution will not meet the Florida

residency requirement for in-state tuition, regardless of the length of time enrolled. For tuition purposes, you must obtain Florida residency at least 12 months prior to your first day of class.

TEXTBOOKS & STETHOSCOPE

The textbook list for Year 1 students will be posted on the USF Health SPTRS website in June 2017. In addition to textbooks, students must purchase a stethoscope that meets the following minimum criteria for use during all three years of the program:

- adult dual head (bell & diaphragm) – not electronic
- short tubing (about 27 inches) – any longer length sounds too quiet, less distinct
- tubing should be flexible for folding into lab coat pocket

We recommend that you purchase a high-quality stethoscope that will serve you throughout your career, such as the Littman Classic II SE, which costs about \$70-80. Many students receive these as undergraduate Commencement gifts; but if desired, the class can work together to obtain a group discount from medical suppliers.

DPT FALL PREVIEW

Students matriculating in the DPT Class of 2020 must attend DPT Fall Preview, which takes place Wednesday, July 26, through Friday, July 28, 2017. Attendance and participation in all events during this period (typically 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) is mandatory. During this period, students meet the faculty and staff, receive handbooks and tools, and learn about the curriculum. Student ambassadors are on hand to answer questions and provide information about opportunities available in the SPTRS community. There is also a Financial Aid Workshop for those accepting financial aid, and faculty members present course overviews for the Physical Therapy courses in the first-year curriculum. **Students must dress professionally for the first two days** (*i.e.*, men should wear a shirt and tie; jacket is not necessary). Formal portraits (head shots) will be made and assembled for the class composite. Fall Preview concludes on Friday, July 28, 2017, with DPT Family Day, occurring from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the School. Students are invited to bring whomever they consider to be their support team to tour the School and learn about the DPT program. Dress code for Family Day is casual.

PROFESSIONS OF HEALTH

BMS 5005, Professions of Health, is the first credit-bearing course for DPT students, and is an interprofessional course completed with other medical students. The course is designed to foster students' commitment to professionalism by developing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to engage in humanistic, patient-centered healthcare—such as examining the ways that illness/injury affect physical, emotional, social, occupation, spiritual, and financial wellness; taking a health history; and participating in an interprofessional group.

DPT STUDENT COMMITMENT TO PROFESSIONALISM CEREMONY

Students in the DPT class of 2020 will participate in Commitment to Professionalism (White Coat) Ceremony on the evening of October 19, 2017. You will receive additional information regarding the ceremony at a later date but please alert your family and friends of this date now, as it is a significant and meaningful event that they may wish to attend.

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COMPETENCY

Students in the USF Health SPTRS Doctor of Physical Therapy program must possess basic competence in medical terminology. Students may achieve competence in a number of ways. We recommend the free online “Medical Terminology” course offered through Des Moines University (<https://www.dmu.edu/medterms/>). *Note:* it is not necessary to present the course’s Certificate of Completion to SPTRS. Competence will be assessed for all entering students using an electronic test during

Year 1 Fall Preview (July 26-28, 2017); a minimum score of 85% is required. Because of the variability in curricula, standards, requirements and types of assessments used at different institutions, we are not able to accept completion of any other course or assessments in lieu of this SPTRS test requirement. Students whose performance on the initial test falls below 85% will be permitted limited opportunity to review the material and re-take the assessment. Competency is a precondition for continued matriculation and failure to demonstrate competency within the first month of classes will result in dismissal.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

DPT students were provided a copy of the technical standards with their acceptance letters. Students must advise the Office of Student Affairs in writing of any accommodations that may be needed to assist in accomplishing the requirements specified in the technical standards.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Please submit a hard copy of your final transcript(s) showing completion of all courses and the awarding of your degree. If you have already completed courses and your degree has been awarded, you may submit these at any time. If you have not, please wait until that is the case to request the transcript—but we need to receive those documents in our offices no later than June 30. Please direct these transcripts to the following address:

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Please note: The electronic documents uploaded to PTCAS will not suffice for this requirement, even if no additional courses or degrees were completed.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Upon acceptance of your offer of admission, you should have received a notice from PTCAS requesting your consent to a background check. We do require a background check for all students who plan to matriculate into the USF DPT program. Within five days of your authorization, you should receive an email from Certiphi with the results of your background check and directions on how to contest your results, if you find that necessary. If so, you have 10 days to initiate that process. If it is not necessary to contest your results, you may authorize Certiphi to send your report to us immediately. Certiphi will automatically forward your background check report to us within 10 days if they receive no correspondence from you.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Please be sure to view the [FASFA](#) website if you plan to fill out an application for federal student aid. USF's FASFA Code is E00568.

MORE TO COME... AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!