

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AT SRU

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at SRU is a professional doctorate degree program designed to prepare graduates for clinical practice in physical therapy. This program provides a unique curriculum, practical hands-on experience, clinical rotations, and faculty-student research opportunities. A key advantage of this program for students is the variety of available clinical sites and length of time spent in clinical rotations through four different clinical experiences.

SRU offers both traditional and accelerated options in which students can select an undergraduate major that matches their interests. Of the students admitted to the SRU DPT program, there is no limit to the number of highly qualified applicants it will accept from SRU undergraduate programs.

For more information about the SRU DPT program and its requirements, please visit www.sru.edu/DPT.

TRADITIONAL PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Students should choose an undergraduate major that best suits their interests, completing the requirements for their chosen major while also fulfilling pre-requisite coursework for the SRU DPT program. Students choosing this option will apply to the DPT program during their senior year at SRU.

ACCELERATED 3+3 PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

The accelerated options are for first-year students only and allow students to earn both their bachelor's degree and Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in six years rather than seven. During the first three years, students complete their undergraduate major courses and pre-requisites for the SRU DPT program. Students apply for admission into the SRU DPT program at the end of their second year/beginning of their third year. If accepted into the SRU DPT program, students' completion of their first year of the DPT program meets the remaining requirements for their undergraduate degree. If students are not accepted into SRU's DPT program, they would continue to complete their undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program their senior year.

The following majors are available for the accelerated 3+3 option:

- Biology
- Exercise Science
- Health Care Administration and Management
- Public Health
- Recreational Therapy



**Slippery Rock University (SRU) is required by the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement and US Department of Education to notify you whether our program meets the academic licensure/certification requirements in another state. All jurisdictions have their own requirements for licensure/certification eligibility. SRU is approved to offer programs that may lead to licensure/certification in Pennsylvania. We are unable to determine our program's eligibility in states other than PA. Please review the licensing board contact resource at www.sru.edu/licensure-certification to seek guidance on the requirements of licensure in your home state or where you would like to practice professionally. Note that state requirements are subject to change at any time and without notice.*

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OUTSTANDING PREPARATION FOR DPT SCHOOL

- Excellent reputation in sciences and health sciences
- Faculty who get to know and interact with their students
- Classes taught by faculty only—never graduate students
- Advisers who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories
- Earn a bachelor's degree in any major

REQUIRED UNDERGRADUATE PRE- REQUISITE COURSES

- Anatomy and Physiology I & II / Labs, or Vertebrate Anatomy/Lab and Animal Physiology/Lab
- Chemistry I & II / Labs
- Statistics
- Physics I & II / Labs
- Introduction to Psychology
- Additional Psychology course



HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Students in high school can prepare by taking high school coursework in biology, anatomy and physiology, psychology, statistics, chemistry, and physics. While taking Advanced Placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities is recommended, students will be strongly encouraged to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.

AFFILIATED DEPARTMENTS: FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Biology
Exercise Science
Health Care Admin. & Management
Public Health
Recreational Therapy

www.sru.edu/majors

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