# Pre-Physical Therapy

## SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AT SRU

The doctor of physical therapy 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. At SRU, we have strong undergraduate majors that will provide you with excellent preparation for DPT school. 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 DPT program, there is not a 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 and then complete the requirements for their chosen major while also completing 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. During students third undergraduate year is when they would apply for admission into the SRU DPT program. If accepted into the DPT program, students completion of their first year 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

Students should access SRU's major webpage to learn more about each major to determine which best suits their interests at www.sru.edu/majors.

**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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## SRU PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING PREPARATION FOR DPT SCHOOL

- Earn a bachelor's degree with any major in a specific discipline
- Excellent reputation in sciences and health sciences
- Faculty who get to know and interact with their students
- Classes taught by faculty only
- Advisers who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories

## 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.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.sru.edu/majors

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

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