

Xavier–University of Southern California Doctor of Physical Therapy Early Assurance Program

(updated 4/22/19; copy and paste URLs or keywords if links do not work)

[The Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California \(USC PT\)](#) and Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) have established an Early Assurance Program (EAP) to advance the success of students who desire to attend and complete physical therapy school and enter the physical therapy profession in order to contribute as leaders in the physical therapy workforce. The EAP is not an accelerated program. Rather, it is a competitive program offered to students at XULA in their sophomore year who are committed to a career in physical therapy. The EAP is designed for students who wish to make the most of their undergraduate experience without having to apply to multiple schools in their final year of college. The collaboration offers an opportunity for students to develop skills in their preparation for physical therapy school through junior summer experiences and interactions with USC PT faculty and staff. USC PT seeks applicants who will benefit from these experiences and who will add to our community of learners through the diversity of their background and experiences.

Application Requirements:

Academically qualified students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and a science GPA of 3.2 or higher at the end of their sophomore year (spring semester) may apply to the USC PT EAP. Classes that are included in science GPA are as follows:

- Biological Sciences: General Biology I & II, Anatomy, & Physiology
-

- **Physics:** A general physics series (Physics I and Physics II) with labs (8 semester hours).
- **Anatomy:** A human anatomy course with lab (4 semester hours).
- **Physiology:** A human physiology course with lab (4 semester hours).
NOTE: A combined two-course sequence in Anatomy & Physiology with lab (8 semester hours) will also satisfy the Anatomy and the Physiology requirements.
- **Psychology:** Two courses in psychology (totaling 6 semester hours). These courses may include general psychology, abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, psychology of disability, etc.
- **Statistics and Mathematics:** One college-level statistics course is required (3 semester hours). Courses taken within the biology, mathematics and psychology departments are acceptable. An additional college-level geometry or trigonometry course is recommended (but not required).

Students applying to the USC PT EAP are strongly encouraged to successfully complete the following classes prior to submitting an application after their sophomore year (i.e. the completion of the spring semester of sophomore year):

- **Chemistry:** A general chemistry series (Chemistry I and Chemistry II) with labs (8 semester hours).
- **Biological Sciences:**

Students will be notified of a final decision in the fall semester of their junior year. Students who are NOT accepted into the EAP may apply to USC PT as a regular applicant through the [PTCAS](#)