Go from PTA to BSRS

Our new Bridge program for PTAs is committed to developing health care professionals who have a sound foundation in movement science and are prepared for safe, autonomous, and ethical practice as physical therapists within a changing health care environment.

In the Bachelor of Science in rehabilitation science (BSRS) program, you’ll benefit from the broad-based education that meets the prerequisites and prepares you to enter the Doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program. In the DPT program, you’ll receive the in-depth training for entry-level practice of physical therapy as a generalist clinician. You’ll also explore not only the scientific underpinnings of this profession, but also the professional characteristics of a leader in health care.

Program Details

Applicants with an associate degree can earn a BSRS and DPT degrees in 4.5 years. Applicants with a Bachelor’s degree can earn a DPT degree in approximately 3 years.

PTA + BSRS = 1.5 years
(BSRS 60 credits + 60 transfer credits)
Bridge DPT = 3 years (114 credits in DPT program)

Please note, the Bridge portion of the DPT program has not yet been approved by CAPTE.

Program Highlights

- Courses offered online, and on campus one weekend per month (Fridays 12pm–9pm and Saturdays 8am–5pm)
- The program format of online/weekend allows students to finish an undergraduate degree in rehabilitation science that includes the prerequisites for physical therapy
- Small class sizes allows for more student/faculty interaction and personalization
- Inter-professional learning incorporates employed OTA’s and PTA’s to help prepare them for entrance into the Bridge GT and PT programs

Entrance Requirements

All students applying for admission to the program must:

- Be a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant working at least 80 hours per month as a PTA
- Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in PTA education and C or above in foundational science courses

Applicants who are currently in the CUW BSRS program must also have:

- A C or above in foundational science courses; 3.0 GPA in foundational sciences in BSRS program
- A 3.0 cumulative in BSRS program
- No GRE is required

Applicants who have not earned their bachelor’s from CUW must also have:

- A 3.0 GPA in foundational science courses
- Two semesters of physics with a lab
- Two semesters of chemistry with a lab
- Two semesters of human anatomy and physiology, both taught in a department of science, anatomy, biomedical science, or biology
- One semester of statistics
- One semester of psychology
- GRE

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