

# MERCER UNIVERSITY

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## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Mercer University's **College of Health Professions** seeks to prepare students to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and society through excellence in teaching, research, and service. Our graduate and professional programs include:



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## Physician Assistant Program (MMSc)

**Vision:** Mercer University’s Department of Physician Assistant Studies strives to improve healthcare by promoting excellence in education, scholarship, and clinical practice.

**Mission:** The mission of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies is to educate patient-centered medical providers of the highest quality who are critical thinkers, leaders, and lifelong learners.

### Program Details:

- **Location:** Mercer University’s Atlanta, GA location
- **Program Length:** 7 semesters; 128 credit hours
- **Class Statistics and Outcomes:**
  - o **Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) Performance Summary**
    - Mercer Class of 2018 (All Takers):
      - **Program Exam Pass Rate: 100%**
      - Percentage of Candidates who ultimately passed PANCE: 100%
      - *National Exam Pass Rate: 97%*
    - Mercer Class of 2019 (All Takers) :
      - **Program Exam Pass Rate: 100%**
      - Percentage of Candidates who ultimately passed PANCE: 100%
      - *National Exam Pass Rate: 91%*
    - Mercer Class of 2020 ( All Takers):
      - **Program Exam Pass Rate: 97%**
      - Percentage of Candidates who ultimately passed PANCE: 100%
      - *National Exam Pass Rate: 93%*

**Mercer University PA Program Student Attrition**

	Graduated Classes		
	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Maximum entering class size (as approved by ARC-PA)	50	60	70
Entering class size	50	60	70
Graduates	48	59	68
* Attrition rate	4 %	1.6 %	2.8 %
**Graduation rate	96 %	98 %	97 %

\*Attrition rate calculation: Number of students who attritted from cohort divided by the entering class size.

\*\*Graduation rate: Number of cohort graduates divided by the entering class size.

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**- Admissions Requirements:**

- Undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to matriculation
- Cumulative Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Preferred Science Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.9 on a 4.0 scale
- Required minimum combined GRE score of 300, and a minimum analytical writing score of 3.5.
- Required Patient Care Experience Hours: Applicants are required to complete a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct, hands-on patient care experience by the time of matriculation.
- Completion of prerequisites prior to matriculation. Students may have up to four outstanding prerequisites at the point of application.
  - Two course General Chemistry series with labs
  - One course of Organic Chemistry (lab optional)
  - One course of Biochemistry (lab optional)
  - Two course General Biology series with labs
  - Two course series of Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab (or A&P 1 and A&P 2)
  - One course of Microbiology with lab
  - Two course English Composition or intensive Writing course series
  - One course of Statistics or Biostatistics
  - One course of General or Introductory Psychology

**2021 Entering Physician Assistant Class Average**

<b>Overall GPA</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>Science GPA</b>	<b>3.54</b>
<b>Combined GRE score</b>	<b>309</b>

Notes about prerequisites:

- Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology must have been taken within the last 10 years
- Survey courses are not acceptable towards the prerequisite coursework
- Online coursework will not satisfy laboratory course requirements
- Only grades of C or better are acceptable for prerequisite coursework
  - For more information on PA Admissions requirements and frequently asked questions, please reference Physician Assistant Admissions Document listed [here](#).

## Master of Public Health (MPH)

**Vision:** Maximum health in every population, specifically minority, rural, and older populations

**Mission:** The Department of Public Health of Mercer University will produce public health professionals through integrating public health education, service, and research to engage communities (including minority, rural, or aging populations) in improving population health, eliminating health disparities, and achieving health equity and social justice.

### Program Details:

- **Location:** Mercer University's Atlanta, GA location, fully remote, or a hybrid structure (students may select the structure that accommodates their learning needs). In-person classes are offered in the evening starting at 6pm.
- **Program Length:** 5 semesters; 42 credit hours. Students eligible for the accelerated program may complete the program in 3 semesters.
  - o Students must have a 3.5 undergraduate GPA, or must have already completed a graduate or professional degree to qualify for the accelerated program.
- **Admissions Requirements**
  - o Undergraduate degree (Bachelors) must be received prior to enrollment from a regionally accredited institution
  - o Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 2.85 or higher on a 4.00 scale is required for regular admission. A GPA of at least 2.5 is required for consideration for Conditional Admissions
    - Students who are admitted under conditional admissions status must maintain a 3.00 or higher during the first 9 hours of the program. Should the GPA fall below a 3.00 then the student will be dismissed from the program.
  - o Applicants must have completed a minimum of three credit hours with a grade of C or higher in **Math, Biology, and Chemistry.**
  - o Three letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be from a college professor who taught the applicant in a class. The remaining letters may be professionally sourced.
  - o Required Community Service Hours: minimum of 30 hours as an active participant in a service or community project prior to applying to the program.
  - o For more information on MPH Admissions requirements and frequently asked questions, please reference our Public Health Admissions outline listed [here](#).

- Interested students may also apply for our **Combined Degree programs:**

**Combined degree programs:**

- Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Public Health (DPT/MPH)
- Doctor of Psychology/Master of Public Health (PsyD/MPH)
- Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health (PharmD/MPH)
- Master of Medical Science (PA Studies)/Master of Public Health (MMSc/MPH)

*\*students must first apply to and be accepted by the primary degree program before applying separately to the Public Health program*

## Master of Athletic Training (MAT)

**Vision:** Mercer University's Master of Athletic Training Program will be recognized for improving healthcare for athletes and others through excellence in education, leadership and service.

**Mission:** The mission of Mercer University's Master of Athletic Training Program is to prepare patient-centered athletic trainers who are devoted to improving healthcare for athletes and the greater community, and who are committed to professional development, leadership, and advocacy for the profession.

### **Program Details:**

- **Location:** Mercer University's Macon, GA location
- **Program Length:** 6 semesters; 70 credit hours.
- **Student Achievement Measures:**
  - 100% BOC pass rate
  - 100% graduation rate
  - 100% employment rate
- **Clinical Opportunities offered to MAT students**
  - Mercer University's 18 Division I Athletic Teams as well as Division II and III opportunities
  - Local public and private high schools
  - Orthopedic and general medical physician offices
  - Immersive experience that can be completed outside of Macon

## **Admissions Requirements**

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 2.85 or higher on a 4.00 scale is required for regular admission.
  - Students with a GPA between a 2.5 and 2.85 may be considered for admission under conditional admissions, but they must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher in the first 8 semester hours
- Documentation of at least 50 hours of clinical observation under the supervision of an athletic trainer
- Two letters of recommendation. One from a college or university professor, and one from an athletic trainer
- Completion of all seven prerequisites prior to matriculation
  - Chemistry I (for science majors) with lab
  - Physics I (for science majors) with lab
  - Two course series of human anatomy and physiology with lab
  - Biology course
  - Psychology course with an emphasis on individual behavior (general, abnormal, or developmental)
  - Statistics or biostatistics
  - Four out of the seven prerequisites must be completed at the time of application.
- For more information on MAT Admissions requirements and frequently asked questions, please reference our Athletic Training Admissions outline listed [here](#).

### **- Why Mercer's MAT**

- Program housed in the College of Health Professions which allows for many inter-professional education opportunities
- Access to two cadaver labs
- Medical Director is on staff and teaches in the MAT program
- Newly renovated and well-equipped classrooms and labs
- Small class sizes, student/professor ratios, and student/preceptor ratios

## Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)

**Vision:** Mercer University's Department of Clinical Psychology will be a nationally recognized leader in evidence-based training in integrated healthcare.

**Mission:** The mission of the Department of Clinical Psychology is to prepare psychologists as **integrated healthcare practitioners** who contribute to and apply scientific knowledge of human behavior to benefit individuals, systems, and society.

### **Program Details:**

- **Location:** Mercer University's Atlanta, GA location
- **Program Length:** 15 semesters; 100 credit hours (4 years didactic; 1 year clinical internship)
- **APPIC Pre-doctoral Internship Match Rate: 100%**
  - o Since participating in the National Match in 2017, Mercer's PsyD program has consistently maintained a 100% match rate
- **Admissions Requirements:**
  - o Completion of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited US institution or recognized international institution
  - o A minimum Cumulative Undergraduate or Graduate GPA of 3.0. In the event that a Graduate Degree is completed, the Graduate GPA will replace an Undergraduate GPA
  - o An Undergraduate major in psychology (preferred) or a minimum of 12 semester hours in psychology coursework
  - o Preferred combined (Verbal and Quantitative) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of 299
  - o A personal statement describing educational and career goals in psychology
  - o Your academic Curriculum Vitae
  - o Three letters of reference. Ideally should be from a psychologist in academia, research, or clinical practice who has worked with the applicant. References from faculty members in any subject area or clinical supervisors in other health professions are also accepted.
  - o For more information on PsyD Admissions requirements and frequently asked questions, please reference our Clinical Psychology Admissions outline listed [here](#).

## Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

**Vision:** Mercer University's Physical Therapy program will be nationally recognized as a leader in education, service, scholarship, and practice.

**Mission:** The mission of the Department of Physical Therapy Program is to prepare doctors of physical therapy who are advocates for the health and wellness of individuals and society, and who are dedicated to patient/client-centered clinical excellence, lifelong professional development, and scholarly activities.

### Program Details:

- **Location:** Mercer University's Atlanta, GA location
- **Program Length:** 8 semesters; 135 credit hours

### Class Statistics and Outcomes:

**Most Recent Two-Year Averages:**

- Graduation Rate (Mercer's DPT Classes of 2019 and 2020): 100%
- First-time Licensure Exam Pass Rate (Mercer's DPT Classes of 2019 and 2020): 97%
- Ultimate Licensure Exam Pass Rate (Mercer's DPT Classes of 2019 and 2020): 100%
- Employment Rate (of those seeking employment within 1 year of licensure from the DPT Classes of 2018 and 2019): 100%

**Graduation Rate Since Program Opened:** 100% of Mercer's Classes of 2013 and 2014; 94% of the Class of 2015; 97% of the Classes of 2016 and 2017; and 100% of the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020 have graduated.

**Licensure Examination (National Physical Therapy Examination or NPTE) Pass Rate Since Program Opened:**

- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2013 passed the NPTE (96% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2014 passed the NPTE (91% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2015 passed the NPTE (96% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2016 passed the NPTE (94% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2017 passed the NPTE on their first attempt.
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2018 passed the NPTE (97% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2019 passed the NPTE (97% first-time pass rate).
- 100% of Mercer's Class of 2020 passed the NPTE (97% first-time pass rate).

**Employment Rate Since Program Opened:** Based on survey data gathered from the Classes of 2013 - 2019, 100% of alumni who sought employment were employed full-time within 1 year of being licensed.

- **Admissions Requirements**

- Undergraduate degree must be received from an accredited college/university prior to matriculation into the program
- Required Cumulative Overall GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Required Prerequisite Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Preferred Science Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Required minimum combined score of **300** on GRE. Required minimum Verbal score of **150**. Required Analytical Writing score of **3.5**
- Required Experiential Hours: Volunteer, observation, or work experience in physical therapy and service learning: A minimum of 60 hours total divided among three settings with at least 20 hours in each setting
  - Experiences should be in at least two different types of physical therapy clinical practice settings
  - The third experience should be as an active participant in a service or community project
- Completion of all ten prerequisites, six of which must be completed prior to matriculation at the time of application.
  - Two course introductory chemistry series (for science majors) with labs
  - Two course physics series (for science majors) with labs
  - Two course series of human anatomy and physiology with lab preferred
  - Statistics or Biostatistics course
  - Biology course
  - Psychology course with an emphasis on individual behavior (general, abnormal or developmental)
  - Behavioral Science course with an emphasis on group behavior (sociology, cultural, anthropology)
- For more information on DPT Admissions requirements and frequently asked questions, please reference our Physical Therapy Admissions outline listed [here](#).

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