



Combined Degree BS/DPT 4+3

with St. Francis (Pa.) University

Major Information

Students accepted into this program have a provisional seat waiting for them at St. Francis (Pa.) University (SFU) Department of Physical Therapy after attending St. Bonaventure University. The program is completed with an additional three years at St. Francis University leading to both a BS and a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree. Up to three students are accepted each year.

Accepted students shall be co-advised by a member of the St. Bonaventure University administration and from St. Francis University during their time at St. Bonaventure. The acceptance is conditional in that specific criteria must be met during their time as an undergraduate student at St. Bonaventure. Requirements are detailed in writing when students are provisionally accepted.

Applicants must submit a single complete application to SBU. Applications that are complete by Dec. 15 receive priority. Qualified applicants will be interviewed at SBU by invitation in January and February. Decisions on acceptance are made in mid to late March. Current SBU students may also qualify to enter this program.

In Phase I of the program, students spend four years at St. Bonaventure University. A major in Sports Studies/Human Movement is suggested.

Application Requirements

- High School Seniors
 - SAT 1080 (ERW+M) or ACT composite 21
 - High School GPA 83%
 - Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation. One must be from a Science Teacher.
- Two essays:
 - One essay (Personal Statement) that will be included with your Common App.
 - An additional essay titled “Applying to Physical Therapy School,” which details your interest in working in the profession of physical therapy and why you are interested in starting that process at SBU and then continuing at St. Francis University Dept. of Physical Therapy.
- A resume that organizes all of your qualifications and extracurricular activities in one place (GPA, SAT/ACT, physical therapy exposure, other clinical exposure, other activities).
- Interview at St. Bonaventure University



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Requirements while at St. Bonaventure University

- Maintain a cumulative overall GPA of 3.2
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 in prerequisite Math/Science courses
- Complete the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) by Oct. 15 of senior year at St. Bonaventure University
- Complete a letter of intent to enter the SFU DPT program
- Complete at least 80 hours of documented experiences in at least two Physical Therapy settings, including one inpatient and one outpatient setting

Facilities: Renovations & an Addition

The construction of the William F. Walsh Science Center, a 46,500-square-foot addition to De La Roche Hall, began in the summer of 2006 and was completed in the spring of 2008. The new center houses state-of-the-art computer science laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a Natural World lab, a 150-seat indoor amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for enhanced student-teacher accessibility.

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