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Combined Degree BS/DPT 4+3

with St. Francis (Pa.) University

Major information

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

Students shall be co-advised by a member of the SBU administration and from SFU during their time at SBU. Acceptance is conditional; specific criteria must be met during your time as an undergraduate student at SBU. 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. 10 receive priority. Qualified applicants will be interviewed at SBU by invitation in January and February. Acceptances are made in mid to late March. Current SBU students may apply.

In Phase I, students spend four years at SBU. A major in Health Science is suggested.

State-of-the-art facilities

The university's historic Francis Hall underwent a comprehensive $18 million renovation project in 2020-2021 to become the modern new home of the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions.

The building's garden level includes a sprawling physical diagnosis lab with three exam rooms, 20 clinic exam tables, and inpatient hospital style beds. This level also includes a student breakout room.

The main floor houses academic offices and instruction space including high-tech classrooms with computers, microphone and speaker systems, high-end web cameras, projectors and TV displays, and a number of group study spaces with TVs as well as laptop and wireless connections.

In addition, the William F. Walsh Science 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 amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for enhanced student-faculty accessibility.

Application requirements

- High School Seniors
  - SAT 1080 (ERW+M) or ACT composite 21
  - High School GPA 85%
  - Two or more letters of recommendation, one from a science teacher.
- Two essays:
  - One, a personal statement, to be included with your Common App.
  - An additional essay titled "Applying to Physical Therapy School," detailing your interest in working as a physical therapist and why you are interested in starting that process at SBU and then continuing at SFU.
- 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).
- An interview at St. Bonaventure

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Requirements while at SBU

- 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
- A letter of intent to enter the SFU program
- At least 80 hours of documented experiences in at least two physical therapy settings, both inpatient and outpatient.

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