

**COMBINED**

# Doctor of Physical Therapy/ Master of Business Administration

Navigating today's complex healthcare system requires thorough education and clinical practice. It also means collaborating with various stakeholders to formulate strategies for providing excellent patient care. Take your passion for improving the mobility and well-being of others further by mastering the business and administration side of healthcare. Mercer University's College of Health Professions and School of Business offer the **Combined Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Business Administration (DPT/MBA)** to develop well-rounded physical therapists who are successful, business-minded leaders.

The DPT/MBA prepares individuals to excel in clinical settings as physical therapists, while adding the administrative and financial groundwork desired of today's dynamic healthcare professionals. Physical therapy coursework enables students to develop sound clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills to make evidence-based practice decisions, while business coursework instills practical applications of accounting, finance, marketing, and economics for informed decision making as a healthcare leader. Through Mercer's DPT/MBA, you'll leverage your passion for empowering others and expand your education for success in an evolving healthcare market.

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

- Apply for admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, then the Master of Business Administration program
- Enroll in online or evening MBA courses on Mercer's Atlanta campus for the first year of the program
- Begin physical therapy coursework during second year of the program on Mercer's Atlanta campus
- Apply certain course credits between programs to satisfy both degree requirements
- Complete the combined degree program within four years as a full-time student
- Pursue a variety of opportunities in hospital leadership and roles including practice owner, clinical director, practice partner, and more

## ADMISSION

Applicants seeking admission must meet the requirements for both the College of Health Professions and School of Business. Foundation courses for the MBA begin in May, and students begin physical therapy coursework in August of the following year. International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

### Doctor of Physical Therapy Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Completed Physical Therapist Centralized Application (PTCAS) application
- Completed Mercer supplemental application
- \$25 non-refundable supplemental application fee
- Completion of at least six of ten prerequisite courses at the time of application, with a plan for completing remaining courses prior to enrollment\*
- GRE scores sent to PTCAS with a minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 300 (minimum verbal score is 150) and 3.5 for analytical writing
- Minimum of 60 hours of experience in physical therapy settings, with 40 hours of observation or work experience and 20 hours of volunteer experience
- Admissions interview

*\*Prerequisites include coursework and labs in chemistry, physics, human anatomy and physiology, statistics or biostatistics, biology, psychology, and behavioral science. For additional information, consult the University catalog or visit [chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements](http://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements).*

### Master of Business Administration Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completed application
- \$50 non-refundable application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Résumé
- Official transcripts from each college attended†

*†Official transcripts may be shared between Mercer's College of Health Professions and School of Business.*

## A TOP-RANKED SCHOOL

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. For almost two decades, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a **Best Value**—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks Mercer in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide.

## GET STARTED

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