

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSION

Undergraduate students must gain admission to Samford University, and graduate students may apply online at [www.samford.unicas.com](http://www.samford.unicas.com). For more information, please contact:

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## SERVICE

In the School of Health Professions, we prepare students with the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver exceptional care in a wide variety of settings. As a school, it is essential that we do more than educate professionals. We must put the great depth of knowledge and experience of our faculty, staff and students to work making the lives of people better, here at home and in communities around the world. This is why the College of Health Sciences has created the Center for Faith and Health.

The Center provides a critical link between our academic programs and the communities we serve. Within the Center, we have collected all of our outreach programs and mission work. It is a model for interdisciplinary collaboration that reflects the growing team orientation of modern health care practice. Learn more about the Center for Faith and Health at [samford.edu/healthsciences/center-for-faith-and-health.aspx](http://samford.edu/healthsciences/center-for-faith-and-health.aspx).



THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

# inspires you

TO FULFILL YOUR UNIQUE POTENTIAL

The School of Health Professions offers an array of specialties that make up a major portion of the health care workforce. In addition, we offer a number of opportunities tailored to those interested in pursuing careers in sport administration and athletic training. Our graduates are prepared to actively engage with teams of health care providers to deliver high-quality care for the identification, prevention and treatment of diseases and disorders. Upon graduating, you may find yourself working in acute care or ambulatory care settings, with a sports team or athletic organization; the possibilities are endless. Should you choose to continue your education, more than 93 percent of students within the School of Health Professions who apply to graduate and professional schools are accepted. Areas of study include athletic training, communication sciences and disorders, physical therapy, speech language pathology, sport administration, sports medicine and many others.

Your potential for success is rich and varied whichever path you choose to pursue.



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\*\*Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Samford University is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program will submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.

Samford University is an Equal Opportunity Institution that complies with applicable law prohibiting discrimination in its educational and employment policies and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or national or ethnic origin.

## ABOUT

No industry today is more dynamic or growing faster than health care. For those called to a life spent caring for others, the health professions include a diverse range of career options. The School of Health Professions includes a vast array of specialties and fields of study that make up the majority of health-related careers. The school is made up of three departments: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Kinesiology and Physical Therapy. To meet the growing demand for highly skilled, compassionate health care providers, we are working to add a number of new degree options, both undergraduate and graduate.

At the core of everything we do lies the concept of inter-professional education. Health care today is increasingly delivered by teams of professionals representing different specialties, and practitioners must work in concert to ensure the best outcomes possible. Our students work with others in many disciplines to develop those cooperative skills. In every department, in every major, we are committed to preparing skilled, compassionate practitioners.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders features two degrees, the B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders and the M.S. in Speech Language Pathology. In our undergraduate program, we prepare skilled speech language pathologists and audiologists through faith-based academic coursework and clinical placements designed to foster lifelong learning. Our entire undergraduate program is designed to give you the educational foundation and practical experience you need in preparation for the world's leading graduate school programs.

Within our M.S. Speech Language Pathology program, we help you become a highly qualified speech-language pathologist with the skills, compassion and motivation to make a difference in your community, wherever you choose to live. You'll have off-campus placements throughout your time in the program, as well as on-campus clinical experiences with other professionals. When you graduate, you will be prepared to impact people's lives in truly meaningful ways.

### Degrees:

- Communication Sciences & Disorders (B.S.)
- Speech Language Pathology (M.S.)\*

\*Students will not be admitted into the Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology program until Candidacy status is awarded by CAA.

## DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology at Samford is more than the science of human movement. It is a path to understand and serve people on a human level. We believe our education provides us with a tool that we can use to reach people; that each of us has the capacity to serve, the ability to use our skills and knowledge to improve the lives of others. It's important that we use the gifts we've been given to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

We give students every opportunity to learn by doing. Because Samford has earned an excellent reputation in the health care and sports communities, you'll have opportunities

# 90% PASS RATE

*on Board of Certification exam for athletic training students in the Department of Kinesiology*

90  
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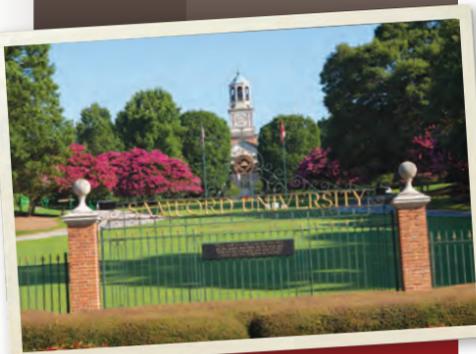
**MISSION & TRADITION:**  
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The Center for Faith & Health is home to all of our outreach programs, mission work and community initiatives; here we put our knowledge into practice to serve communities around the world.



## A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

As part of Samford University, the College of Health Sciences is part of a dynamic, expanding institution. Samford offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in ten different schools.

Probably the most interesting thing about my time at Samford, even more than playing football, is my journey in faith. I came to faith at Samford because of a friend. Despite my reluctance, he convinced me to attend a Bible study with him and it grew from there. My faith has lasted because I "put my hand to the plow." I started helping at a detention center in Birmingham with kids who are just like I used to be—in need of direction. Putting faith into action is also why I chose sports medicine as my major. It's hands on. I've been fortunate enough to go on a department-sponsored mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I went thinking, I'm a college student with all of this knowledge. But then you see people in real need and you realize that knowledge only has value if it's used to make other people's lives better. That's why I'm going into medicine.

**That's why God put me on this Earth.**

JEREMY TOWNS '13 - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS MEDICINE

THE  
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IS BETTER  
FOR IT

to learn from some of the most skilled professionals in the world. Because we believe so strongly in the value of hands-on experience, you will complete more hours of clinical and professional work than in most other programs.

### Degrees:

- Athletic Training (B.S.)
- Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy (B.S.)
- Health Sciences (B.S.)
- Sport Administration (B.S.)
- Sports Medicine/Pre-Med (B.S.)
- Sport & Recreational Ministry Minor

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physical therapy, like many disciplines within health care, is often a calling for the strongest professionals. It's fueled by a compelling desire to make the lives of others better. Physical therapy has long been a critical component to effective health care, because movement is essential to human well-being.

Like most programs, our Doctor of Physical Therapy is a three-year program. We include a heavy emphasis on the sciences so that you have the foundational knowledge you need to make evidence-based clinical decisions for your patients and their families. You will work in a variety of clinical settings to ensure that you have the broadest experience possible to help you find your ultimate calling.

As you earn your D.P.T., you'll work in a variety of settings, from acute care to both in-patient and out-patient clinics. Throughout your rotations, you'll study under the direct supervision of experienced, licensed physical therapists who are both skilled practitioners and committed to your education.

### Degrees:

- Doctor of Physical Therapy\*\*