SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSION
Undergraduate students must first gain admission to Samford University. Graduate students should reference the School of Health Professions website for additional application information. For more information, please contact:

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FACILITIES
The School of Health Professions is located in Samford’s new College of Health Sciences facilities. Spanning more than 223,000 square feet, the College of Health Sciences is home to the schools of health professions, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Learning spaces are designed to foster interprofessional education experiences that prepare graduates to practice collaboratively, safely and effectively in the ever-evolving health care environment. A highlight of the facilities is a 22,000-square-foot simulation center that offers discipline-specific and interdisciplinary learning opportunities across the simulation continuum. In addition, students learn in more than 10 clinical and research labs and utilize some of the most sophisticated technology available.

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 deepest knowledge and experience in 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 interprofessional collaboration that reflects the growing team orientation of modern health care practice. Learn more about the Center for Faith and Health at samford.edu/healthprofessions/center-for-faith-and-health.

GIVE BACK
In addition to our programs in athletic training, exercise science, health sciences, physical therapy, respiratory care, speech language pathology, sport administration and sports medicine, should you choose to continue your education, you will join many of our graduates who have pursued careers as physicians, physician assistants, dentists, occupational therapists and various positions in the college and professional sports industry. We believe you have a unique calling on your life, and we want to help you learn to use your training and education to serve others through your future vocation. Whichever path you choose, you have the potential to make a positive impact in the lives of those you serve.

The School of Health Professions offers an array of specialties that make up a major portion of the health care workforce. We offer programs in athletic training, exercise science, health sciences, physical therapy, respiratory care, speech language pathology, sport administration and sports medicine. Should you choose to continue your education, you will join many of our graduates who have pursued careers as physicians, physician assistants, dentists, occupational therapists and various positions in the college and professional sports industry. We believe you have a unique calling on your life, and we want to help you learn to use your training and education to serve others through your future vocation. Whichever path you choose, you have the potential to make a positive impact in the lives of those you serve.

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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 that are among some of the most satisfying and fastest growing in the country. 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 comprised of four departments: Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Kinesiology and Physical Therapy.

At the core of everything we do lies the concept of interprofessional 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.

DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCES

In the Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences we are committed to helping you integrate your faith with skilled practice for the lifelong renewing of your mind and spiritual growth. Our core curriculum is experiencing unprecedented demand for respiratory therapists and the time has never been better to pursue a career in the field.

Both the Bachelor of Science in respiratory care and the Master of Science in respiratory care are entry to profession degrees that prepare graduates to take national board examinations in order to obtain a state license to practice immediately following graduation.

Degrees
• B.S., respiratory care*
• M.S., respiratory care*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders features two degrees, a B.S. in communication sciences and disorders and a M.S. in speech language pathology. In our undergraduate program, we prepare you with the educational foundation and practical experiences you need to successfully transition into graduate programs in speech language pathology or audiology.

In the speech language pathology program we prepare you with the skills, compassion and motivation needed to become a successful speech language pathologist.

Degrees
• B.S., communication sciences and disorders
• M.S., speech language pathology**

MISSION & TRADITION: SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HAS MORE THAN 90 YEARS OF HISTORY IN HEALTH EDUCATION.

Nearly 95% of students from the School of Health Professions applying to graduate and professional schools are accepted.

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 10 schools.

Probable 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

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

In the Department of Physical Therapy we are dedicated to helping you become a lifelong learner, equipped with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to effectively answer the calling of your life. Your knowledge will be grounded in science and your motivations powered by compassion.

Our Doctor of Physical Therapy program is defined by three key aspects—interprofessional education, service, and utilization of current and developing technology. Upon graduation, you will possess the foundational knowledge necessary to make evidence-based clinical decisions for your patients and their families. Robust clinical rotations provide you with experience in a variety of settings, from acute care to both inpatient and outpatient clinics.

Degree
• Doctor of Physical Therapy****

DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology at Samford is more than the science of human movement; it is a path to understanding and serving people. The Department of Kinesiology prepares graduates for a number of careers in the health professions. At the undergraduate level, many of our graduates go on to pursue graduate or professional degrees in fields such as dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, physician’s assistant and physical therapy. We give students every opportunity to learn by doing. Located in metro Birmingham, Samford students gain hands-on experience in a wide variety of health care and sport organizations.

Degrees
• B.S., exercise science/prephysical therapy
• B.S., health sciences
• B.S., sport administration
• B.S., sports medicine/premedicine
• Master of Athletic Training***

DEPARTMENT OF INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Interprofessional education is the cornerstone of our academic mission. We provide a unique environment for student and community experiences designed to prepare students for the health professions.

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