DUKE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

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3 Year Program

Application Deadline: The program begins in late August and ends in mid-May the third year – Accept 50 students per year - Application materials are generally available year round and may be obtained by mail or electronically. Duke Doctor of Physical Therapy is pleased to announce the benefit of early interview and admissions to our program. If you would like to take advantage of this benefit, complete and submit your application as soon as possible. Application Deadline: December 1

Basic Admitting Stats and requirements:

The curriculum is comprised of 126 credits of academic work, completed over 8 academic sessions, requiring 33 months of full-time study. The program begins in August of the first year and runs continuously, including summers, until graduation in May of the third year

- The grade point average of entering students is typically between 3.4 and 3.6 on a 4.0 scale
- In the past four (4) years, the approximate mean score for accepted students for the verbal portion of the GRE has ranged from 470 to 545; the mean for the quantitative portion ranged from 620 to 660; and the mean for the analytical portion ranged from 630 to 670.
- Over the past three (3) years, approximately 1/3 of the class has been male and 2/3 female

Requirements for admission to the physical therapy program include:

- a baccalaureate degree
- completion of prerequisite courses
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude Test scores from within the last five years
- the filing of an ON LINE or written application (including essays and reference letters)
- upon invitation, a personal interview

Check out the [APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR EARLY ADMISSIONS](http://dpt.duhs.duke.edu/dpt/dpt.asp)

Application materials are generally available year round and may be obtained by mail or electronically. To obtain an application by mail, follow the Request More Info link to the left.

To apply electronically, click on the online application link below and you will go to our online application site. From there, you will be able to complete and submit your application to our program. Also, you can print a reformatted, "printer-friendly" version of our application.

› ONLINE APPLICATION

They strongly encourage all applicants to submit their applications via the online application process. However, if you would prefer to proceed with the paper version of the application, please download the two files below (simply click on each link) and return the completed forms to us as directed on each form. Please note that we require three letters of recommendation: two from professors/instructors who have taught you at the undergraduate level and one from a physical therapist with whom you have worked.

[Application (PDF) | Recommendation Form (PDF)]

The application fee is $75.
For early consideration, the application and all supporting documents should be received by the program no later than December 1st of the year preceding admission. Otherwise, our regular submission deadline is January 1st of the admission year. Applications received after the Jan. 1st deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis. Only students for full time study are accepted. State residence does not influence the admissions policies or tuition costs.

Course Prerequisites:

All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of C or better. They do not recognize courses with a Pass/Fail grade as fulfilling our prerequisites. Advanced placement courses may be accepted for prerequisite requirements if your undergraduate institution has accepted those same credits toward completion of your bachelor's degree. A baccalaureate degree in the natural sciences is not a requirement for admissions; however a background of coursework in the natural sciences is strongly recommended.

- **General Physics** – 6-8 hours with lab
  - PY 211/212 or 205/208
- **Biology** – 3-4 hours
  - BIO 181, BIO 105 or ZO 160
- **Cell Biology** – 3-4 hours
  - BIO 183 or ZO 150
- **Statistics** – 3 hours
  - ST 311
- **Psychology** – (6 semester hours) – must include general Psychology and specialized Psychology (recommend child, abnormal, developmental or biological)
  - PSY 200 and either PSY 376 or 470 or 475 or 430
- **Social Science and Humanities** – 9 hours – Recommended courses include: Ethics, Scientific and/or Technical Writing, Social Anthropology, Philosophy, Literature, History or Sociology
- **Anatomy and Physiology** (2 courses) –
  - ZO 212 & 250 or 412 or 421, or BIO 495A & B
- **Chemistry** – 2 semesters (1 general and one more general or specialize chemistry)
  - CH 101/102 and CH 201/202 or CH221

Test Scores:

All applicants must have taken the GRE within the past five (5) years. Please request that scores are sent specifically to our DPT Division (Institution & Department Code 5156) - if scores are directed to Duke University in any other manner, we will not receive them! The GRE is not required for applicants with verified PhD degrees.

Clinical Experience:

Experience in a Physical Therapy setting is required, but there is no specific number of hours required. They prefer experience in a variety of types of clinical settings so that the applicant will have a well-rounded perception of the physical therapy profession.

Contact Information:

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