



Bellarmino University

Program Information

Program Name	Bellarmino University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

This page is intended for current college students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the Early Assurance program. Do not apply using PTCAS.

Program Information

Program Description	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is an integral part of the School of Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences, Bellarmine University, the physical therapist professional community, and the local health care delivery system. We embrace our heritage of Catholic higher education excellence in undergraduate liberal arts and quality professional education programs. The program is dedicated to excellence in physical therapist education and service by providing comprehensive academic and clinical experiences for diverse and talented students. This is accomplished through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - active faculty and tiered student mentoring - instruction grounded in clinical, scientific and educational evidence - learning experiences that are reflective, practical, directed, collaborative and innovative - directed and focused engagement with the community <p>We are responsive to the needs and demands of contemporary physical therapy practice, which are evolving and dynamic. Our goal is to develop autonomous patient-centered practitioners of physical therapy dedicated to service and life-long learning with skills, attitudes and behaviors commensurate with societal expectations for outstanding care.</p> <p>Bellarmine University provides students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program with unique and challenging educational experiences from outstanding faculty members. Our faculty are not only academically prepared, they are also recognized for their clinical skills with many faculty holding clinical board certifications. Nearly all faculty are involved in clinical practice in addition to their teaching responsibilities, research and service. Our faculty members are board certified in areas such as neurology, orthopedics, sports, pediatrics, geriatrics, wounds, women's health, and clinical electrophysiology.</p> <p>Students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will participate in four clinical experiences which integrate over 1600 hours of training into the program. The department has agreements with over 350 clinical facilities across the United States. Students and faculty work together to develop an education plan for the clinical experiences. Students have an exciting opportunity to apply for an internship in Italy they spend 12 weeks in Tuscany at an outpatient facility, or in Umberide in a rehabilitation facility. They are provided the opportunity to learn the language before arriving in Italy, and are closely mentored during their stay. They have great opportunities and guidance for experiencing the culture, food, and events in Italy. Students return with a deep appreciation of a different healthcare system and cultural diversity. They also have a great opportunity to learn new treatment techniques not as commonly used in the US, and share treatment techniques they learn in school to help educate the physiotherapists in the facilities. Students also have the chance to travel for study abroad in Australia, Guatemala, and Belize.</p> <p>Bellarmine provides students with integrated service-learning experiences to further develop hands-on skills in both campus and community settings. The DPT program operates multiple sites, including the nation's first endowed on-campus service-learning clinic. Students provide pro bono service to individuals with a wide range of musculoskeletal, neurological, and developmental conditions. Under faculty supervision, students direct all aspects of the clinic including developing all policies, providing patient care, and managing mock billing.</p> <p>For more information about DPT program curriculum, tuition information, and graduation, licensure, and employment rates, you can visit https://www.bellarmine.edu/pt/.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No
Institution's Religious Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	Admitted students are required to pay a non-refundable confirmation deposit at the time they accept the admission offer. The \$1000 confirmation deposit is applied to the student's tuition during his or her first semester.
Deposit Refundable?	No

Program Information

Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	72
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	76
Additional information about the class profile	Bellarmine University students receive priority admission consideration, but only up to 50% of the incoming DPT class will be selected from the Bellarmine undergraduate application pool.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	No supplemental items are required at the time of PTCAS application submission.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	No supplemental items are required at the time of the PTCAS application submission.
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7674
University GRE code	1056
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Successful candidates typically score above a 150 on both the Verbal and Quantitative portions and a 4 or higher on the Analytic portion. GRE scores will only be accepted for exams with a test date in the last 5 years. You may submit your GRE score to Bellarmine's PTCAS GRE code at 7674 or directly to Bellarmine at 1056.
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted

Admission Requirements

Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Bellarmino conducts a holistic admissions review process, so while references are not required, they are strongly encouraged (and recommended to be from at least two different categories of acceptable evaluators listed above).
Information about your PT requirements	A minimum of 25 PT observation hours (paid or volunteered) are required and must be completed with/verified by a licensed PT. We strongly encourage obtaining these hours in a variety of settings.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	25
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	50
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	2.75
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.60
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	If a prerequisite course was repeated, the program uses the highest earned grade in the local GPA calculation as long as the new grade is received (posted on the official transcript) before the application is submitted. Grades received by the applicant after the application is submitted are not utilized in local GPA calculations, but are referenced for admitted students to ensure passing prior to program start. The cumulative GPA used is calculated by PTCAS and is inclusive of all grades received/courses taken.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)
Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?	Yes
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	An early entry option is available to highly qualified Bellarmine University undergraduate students who enter as a freshman and have completed at least 60 credits (generally two years). If accepted, they can begin DPT school after 3 years of undergraduate coursework.
General Information	You may contact Jordan Rose Wiehebrink, Associate Dean of Graduate Admission, for a preliminary unofficial transcript review to determine initial acceptance of any questionable prerequisite coursework. She can be reached at jwiehebrink@bellarmine.edu or 502-272-8245. You may also submit a copy of your unofficial transcript for preliminary review purposes to: application.bellarmino.edu/register/grtranscriptreview .
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Varies
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	https://www.bellarmino.edu/pt/admissions/

Anatomy & Physiology I

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology / Biological Science

Applicants should complete a General Biology course at the level of a science major. If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute. Please note the preference for General Biology over more specific biology courses such as Microbiology, Zoology or similar.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: General • Biology: General I

Chemistry I

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Chemistry II

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Physics I

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I
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Physics II

If a lab is offered with this course, the applicant is required to take it. However, if a lab is not offered with the course, the applicant is not required to find a substitute.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II
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Physiology

The applicant must complete an advanced physiology course offered beyond the foundational Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2 requirement.

Course Level	Upper Division
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: Animal• A&P: Comparative• A&P: Exercise Physiology• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Neurophysiology• A&P: Pathophysiology• A&P: Physiology• A&P: Vertebrate
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Psychology

We will accept any Psychology course offered through a Psychology department. We do not accept Psychology courses offered from other departments. For example, we would not accept a Psychology of Sport course offered from an Exercise Science department.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Any

Statistics

We will accept a Statistics course taken within various departments/disciplines.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology: Biostatistics Business: Statistics Mathematics: Statistics Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/24/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>As you review our application deadlines, please remember to allow 4 - 6 weeks for PTCAS to process your application.</p> <p>Our final application deadline is Monday, November 2.</p> <p>We will review applications on a rolling basis and will begin offering interviews to selected applicants prior the deadline. We offer roughly 200-250 interviews to selected applicants for 72 positions. Even though we will review all applications submitted by November 2, it is possible that we will have offered the majority of interviews by the time we receive an application at that point in the cycle. It is best to apply early for priority review.</p>

Program Contacts

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