



Program Information

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General Description / Special Programs	
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This page is intended for applicants who will have an undergraduate degree prior to matriculation into our DPT program. High school or college transfer students must contact Boston University directly (www.bu.edu/admissions) for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program.

Program Description	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Boston University is designed to educate you, as a physical therapist, to be an expert in the human movement system. We use a functional systems approach to assess human movement that drives the subsequent comprehensive physical therapy examination and intervention. Our goal is to help you become a lifelong learner, critical thinker, evidence-based practitioner, ethical caregiver and an effective clinician who will creatively and successfully meet the challenges of an evolving and diverse health care system. Our faculty include movement specialists who are master clinicians with APTA clinical specialization certification and continue to practice clinically. Many of our faculty are also globally renowned rehabilitation researchers who bring their passion and expertise to the classroom.</p> <p>Evidence based practice is a core value of our physical therapy program, as are health promotion, wellness, and prevention of injury or disease. The design of the curriculum fully prepares you as generalist, able to pursue a career in any clinical practice setting. As a graduate, you will be equipped to practice as an integral member of the health care team. We believe that this approach to physical therapy education insures quality care for any and all persons who seek the services of a physical therapist. Advanced physical therapist educational experiences also exist within our department in the areas of orthopedic and neurologic physical therapy residencies and a manual physical therapy fellowship.</p> <p>Our 3 year, full time, physical therapy program begins at the end of May. During the first academic year, you will participate in classroom instruction, lab exploration and clinical education. By spending time with a physical therapist at a local site, you will be able to contemporaneously apply what you are learning in the classroom to a clinical population. There are also 36 weeks of full-time clinical experiences interspersed throughout the remaining 2 years of the professional curriculum, which takes place at 3 to 4 different locations and settings.</p> <p>Our stellar education program, our exceptional students and our outstanding graduate pass rate on the National PT Licensure Examination all lead to our exemplary employment rate following graduation. Boston University will help you develop into an extraordinary clinician who will lead our profession in the future.</p> <p>Boston University is located on a large University campus with corresponding amenities and advantages such as a large fitness and recreation center, many varsity and club sports, an active sustainability program, a national leader in the field of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; and a wide variety of student community service organizations. Graduate students are able to access the same resources as undergraduate students, including physical and mental health care, academic and learning supports, LGBTQIA+ centers for students staff and faculty, The Newbury Center for support and celebration of first-generation college students, a student innovation center @BUHub, and the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground. These opportunities and resources are only some of the outstanding offerings, all housed in a city known for its political, social, academic, and artistic energy. Boston is an exciting and vibrant city, which is a hub for innovative healthcare. Whether you are interested in cultural events or contemporary venues, sporting franchises or historic attractions, there are always plenty of opportunities on campus or within the city to enjoy your time in our the physical therapy program.</p>
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Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	We are pleased to offer a DPT/PhD dual degree for those students who wish to obtain both a clinical degree and a research degree.
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	On-campus interviews are not part of the admissions process. Boston University is partnering with Kira Talent to provide online remote interviews. Invitations to this interview platform will be sent out via email in late fall for a select number of candidates. The costs associated with BU's interview via Kira Talent will be assumed by Boston University.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	This is a non-refundable deposit to secure your seat in our program. The deposit will be credited to the first tuition payment.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$174222
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$174222
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	80
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	72
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	32%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	68%
% of CANADIAN applicants accepted	0%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted	5%

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% Male	26%
% Female	74%
% Declining to State	0%
% Hispanic	21%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	0%
% Asian	19%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	12%
% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	79%
% Two or More Races	31%
% Declining to State	0%
Additional information about the class profile	Boston University is a private institution and therefore does not give preferences to local, national or international students.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	No
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	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted

Admission Requirements

Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Three reference letters are required. One letter must be from an academic evaluator (a professor or an academic advisor), who can speak to your ability to succeed in graduate school. The other two letters can be from an academic, a health care, or employer evaluator who can speak to your ability to be a health care provider and/or a successful graduate student.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification of hours is required
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	30
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/16/2023
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.67
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.75
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Our program will use the pre-requisite GPA as calculated by PTCAS.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
CanadianTranscriptsDictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended)
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, U.S. permanent residents, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	We require a formal course-by-course evaluation of all foreign transcripts by a third-party verification organization such as World Education Services (WES). Foreign transcript evaluations should be sent directly to PTCAS (not Boston University). Minimum TOEFL scores are as follows: * Writing 22, * Reading 25, * Speaking 23, * Listening 21

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	https://www.bu.edu/sargent/academics/departments-programs/physical-therapy-department/doctor-of-physical-therapy/admission-requirements/

Anatomy

Human Anatomy (3-4 credits): one course with a lab section (Note: when anatomy and physiology are taken as a combined course, two semesters, each with a lab, are necessary to meet the requirements)

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: Animal• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Comparative• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I

Biology (3-4 credits): one course of general or cellular biology with a lab component

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II

Chemistry I

Chemistry is a two semester course sequence (or a three quarter course sequence). Associated course labs are required for each chemistry course in the sequence.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Inorganic

Chemistry II

Chemistry II can be either a second semester general chemistry course in a sequence or an organic chemistry and/or biochemistry compliment to the first general chemistry course. If on the quarter system, the three chemistry courses can be inorganic, organic and biochemistry. Associated course labs are required for each chemistry course in the sequence.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Exercise Physiology

Exercise physiology can be taken in an on-campus or an online format. An associated lab course is not required, but recommended. Kinesiology and biomechanics courses do not usually fulfill the requirement for exercise physiology.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise Physiology

Physics I

Physics I and II should be a two semester course sequence, or a three quarter system course sequence. An associated lab is required for each course in the sequence. Physics I and II need not be calculus based.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics I

Physics II

Physics I and II should be a two course semester sequence or a three quarter system course sequence. An associated lab component needs to accompany each of the courses in the sequence. Physics I and II need not be calculus based..

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics II

Physiology

Human Physiology: one course with an associated lab (Note: anatomy and physiology when taken as a combined two course sequence, each with a lab, will also serve to meet this requirement)

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Psychology

General or Developmental Psychology (3-4 credits)	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Life Span Development

Statistics

Statistics may be taken through the math or psychology department. An experimental design course through a psychology department is also acceptable. Business statistics courses do not fulfill this requirement.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/28/2024
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	October 16, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>All application materials (application, transcripts, recommendation letters and essays) must be received by PTCAS by the October 16th deadline. Any missing application materials by that deadline will render the application incomplete by Boston University standards and will not be reviewed.</p> <p>The DPT program at Boston University does not require an in-person interview. We do utilize Kira Talent as an online interview platform. A select number of highly qualified candidates will be invited to participate in a Kira interview in November. The costs associated with BU's interview via Kira Talent will be assumed by Boston University.</p>

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