



Program Information

Program Name	Columbia University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1942
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State	NY
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Program Information

This page is intended for students in their senior year of undergraduate study and college graduates ONLY.

Program Description	<p>The Columbia University Doctor of Physical Therapy program is one of the nation's oldest programs and the only program in the Ivy League conference. The Program resides within the Columbia University Irving Medical Center, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, which is closely affiliated with New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center & Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital - all top-rated US hospitals. In this stimulating New York City environment, students and faculty collaborate with a multidisciplinary community of health professionals to discover, educate, care, and lead.</p> <p>The 33-month Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum consists of 6 didactic semesters and 4 full-time clinical education experiences lasting a combined 36 weeks. The curriculum provides an opportunity for each student to customize the entry-level physical therapy education with the selection of an orthopedic, neurologic, or pediatric specialty track as well as by selecting electives to develop both a breadth and depth of knowledge and skills. The program faculty consists of board certified clinical specialists, award winning educators, internationally recognized researchers, and national leaders. Student learning is enriched by a world-class medical library, contemporary educational technology, service learning opportunities, and clinical education sites that include major national medical centers and children's hospitals, international hospitals on 3 continents, Major League Baseball spring training camps, and dance centers.</p> <p>Columbia University graduates are prepared as autonomous clinicians, have an excellent record of success on the licensing examination and are highly sought after as employees. Our recent graduates have gone on to work for our nation's most renowned medical centers and children's hospitals, a major pop-singer on tour, a Super Bowl winning football team, several USA Olympic teams and Broadway shows; as well as, several foreign countries.</p> <p>Interested applicants should explore the program's web site at:</p> <p>http://www.columbiaphysicaltherapy.org/</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No

Program Information

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
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is non-refundable but is credited to the Fall Year I tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	12/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$137644
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$137644
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	78
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	73
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	34%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	61%
% of CANADIAN applicants accepted	1%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S/non-Canadian) applicants accepted	3%
% Male	31%
% Female	69%
% Hispanic	6%
% Asian	17%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	4%

Program Information	
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	51%
% Two or More Races	20%
% Declining to State	0%
Additional information about the class profile	

Admission Requirements	
Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	Please upload your resume and proof of First Aid and CPR Certification in the documents section of the PTCAS application. If the certification is not completed at the time of application, email the certification to ptadmissions@cumc.columbia.edu no later than August 1, 2021. Missing prerequisites must be completed with official transcript(s) sent to the program no later than August 1, 2021. Official transcript showing receipt of undergraduate degree and date granted should be forwarded immediately post-graduation (undergraduate applicants) or at time of acceptance (post-baccalaureate applicants) but no later than August 7, 2021.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	CPR Certification (can be submitted post application deadline)
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	First Aid Certification (can be submitted post application deadline)
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	GRE scores submitted by the application deadline
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 4	Official transcript showing degree granted and date of graduation, as soon as available
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 5	Resume submitted by the application deadline
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 6	Transcript(s) showing completion of any missing prerequisite courses, as soon as available
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7745
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	12/01/2021
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	12/01/2020
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	If the GRE is taken more than once, the best set of scores from any one testing date are considered. GRE® General Test and GRE® REVISED General Test are accepted.
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	155
MINIMUM GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	155
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5

Admission Requirements	
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.5
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type not accepted
Professor in Major	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type not accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type not accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	One (1) letter from a physical therapist Two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be from professors who have instructed you in 1 or more courses. For applicants in their final year of undergraduate study, one (1) academic reference should be from a professor in the applicant's major area of study. Applicants who have been out of school for 3 or more years and are completing prerequisite course work as a post-baccalaureate student can use current professors as reference sources. An applicant who has documented experience in undergraduate or professional research can submit an additional letter of recommendation from the research advisor. Composite recommendations kept on file at the university and submitted by a pre-health/pre-medical committee or pre-health advisor are acceptable.
Information about your PT requirements	Letter of recommendation (required reference) from a physical therapist should provide a brief description of the facility and attest to hours completed.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	75
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	100
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.5
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.4
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Initial grade and repeated course grade are averaged in calculating the program-specific grade point average. Students wishing to enhance their undergraduate grade point are encouraged to take additional courses in the biological sciences.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes

Admission Requirements	
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended)
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Other
Additional information for the foreign transcripts	English translation is required for all foreign transcripts. It is recommended that foreign applicants, except for those from China, have their transcripts translated and evaluated through the World Education Service and a copy of this evaluation sent directly to the program. Chinese transcripts are reviewed by the China Higher Education Credentials Verification (CHESICC).
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, Canadian citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Non-native English speakers are required to submit TOEFL scores, unless applicant has received a 4-year undergraduate degree from an American University. With receipt of an American degree, GRE scores need to be submitted in lieu of TOEFL. English translation is required for all foreign transcripts. It is recommended that foreign applicants except for China, use the World Education Services for translational purposes at http://www.wes.org . Chinese transcripts are reviewed by China Higher Education Credentials Verification (CHESICC) at https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/service/

Course Prerequisites	
Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	It is highly recommended that a minimum of 14 of the 17 prerequisites for admission including all course work in the biological sciences be completed by the December application deadline date.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Yes
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	http://columbiaphysicaltherapy.org/admissions-regs

Anatomy	
Coursework older than 5 years will not be accepted	
One 3 or 4-credit anatomy course or 2 semesters (total 6 - 8 credits) of combined Anatomy & Physiology I and II. Laboratory is not required but preferred. Online anatomy course must be approved. The course must be taken within five years of application.	
Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Biology I	
Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
One 4-credit basic biology course with lab. Introductory courses must be taken through the Biology Department. Biology courses designated for nursing or allied health students are not acceptable. Students on the quarter system must take a 3 part series or 3 separate basic biology courses. Courses for science majors are preferred with laboratory. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: General • Biology: General I • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology

Biology II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 4-credit basic biology course with lab. Introductory courses must be taken through the Biology Department. Biology courses designated for nursing or allied health students are not acceptable. Students on the quarter system must take a 3 part series or 3 separate basic biology courses. Courses for science majors are preferred with laboratory. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: General• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology
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Chemistry I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 4-credit chemistry course for science majors with laboratory. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Chemistry II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 4-credit chemistry course for science majors with laboratory. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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One Additional Science Course

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One additional 3 to 4-credit science course is required. Additional science courses are strongly encouraged. Any biology, chemistry, physics, exercise physiology, motor learning, or motor control course beyond the prerequisites is acceptable. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	SH: 3-4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Animal • A&P: Any • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Vertebrate • Biology: Any • Chemistry: Any • Exercise Physiology • Motor Control • Motor Learning • Physics: Any
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Physics I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 4-credit physics course. The course does not have to be calculus-based. Courses for science majors are preferred with laboratory. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics I
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Physics II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 4-credit Physics course. The course does not have to be calculus-based. Courses for science majors are preferred with laboratory. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics II
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Physiology

Coursework older than **5** years will not be accepted

One 3-credit physiology course or 2 semesters (total 6 - 8 credits) of combined Anatomy & Physiology I and II. Laboratory is not required but preferred. Courses must be taken within 5 years of application.

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate
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Psychology

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

One 3-credit psychology course. In total, two courses in psychology are required. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.

Course Level

General or College

Lab Required

Not Applicable

Credits

SH: 3

Acceptable Courses

- Psychology: Abnormal
- Psychology: Adolescent
- Psychology: Advanced
- Psychology: Any
- Psychology: Child
- Psychology: Death & Dying
- Psychology: Developmental
- Psychology: General
- Psychology: General I
- Psychology: General II
- Psychology: Growth & Development
- Psychology: Human Behavior
- Psychology: Life Span Development
- Psychology: Psychopathology
- Psychology: Rehabilitation
- Psychology: Social
- Psychology: Sports

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Course Level

General or College

Lab Required

Not Applicable

Credits

SH: 3

Acceptable Courses

- Psychology: Abnormal
- Psychology: Adolescent
- Psychology: Advanced
- Psychology: Any
- Psychology: Child
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- Psychology: General
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- Psychology: General II
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- Psychology: Human Behavior
- Psychology: Life Span Development
- Psychology: Psychopathology
- Psychology: Rehabilitation
- Psychology: Social
- Psychology: Sports

Social/Behavioral Science	
Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
One 3-credit social/behavioral science course. In total, five courses in Social/Behavioral Science are required. Courses must be taken within 10 years of application.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology • Social/Behavioral Science: Any • Social/Behavioral Science: Criminal Justice • Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography • Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies • Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality • Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family • Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science • Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work • Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology • Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies

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Credits	SH: 3
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Statistics	
Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
One 3-credit statistic course taken within Biology, Mathematics, Statistics, or Psychology Departments. Business or Economics does not fulfill this requirement. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines	
PT program start date for entering class	09/06/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	December 1, 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>July 2021: PTCAS opens.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to file their application with PTCAS as early as possible as the Columbia PT Program follows a rolling admission format.</p> <p>August 2021 - January 2022</p> <p>Completed applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee as they are received.</p> <p>Eligible applicants will be invited to a required on- campus interview. Interviews often begin as early as October and usually conclude in December or once the class is full. Applicants should expect to spend a full day at Columbia University meeting with students, faculty, Program Director, and the Co-Directors of Clinical Education. You will tour the facilities and have ample time to meet with current DPT students.</p> <p>Admission decisions are made as early as October and continue until the class is full.</p> <p>December 1, 2021: (11:59pm EST) PTCAS due date.</p> <p>All application materials (application, transcripts to date, GRE reported scores, and recommendation letters) must be received by PTCAS by the December 2, 2020 deadline. Official GRE scores must be reported via PTCAS GRE Code 7745.</p> <p>Applications on file with PTCAS by December 1, which remain incomplete, must have missing documentation submitted and reviewed with receipt to the program by January 7, 2022.</p> <p>No application will be reviewed for admissions consideration after January 7, 2022.</p> <p>Open House:</p> <p>Columbia University Doctor of Physical Therapy program (DPT) invites prospective students who are interested in pursuing a physical therapy career to attend an Open House. Information on the Columbia DPT curriculum including the required foundational and personalized elective components, admission criteria, and helpful hints on applying to PT school are discussed. Open house dates and registration can be found on our website: https://www.ps.columbia.edu/education/academic-programs/doctor-physical-therapy/prospective-students/admissions/open-houses or email ptadmissions@cumc.columbia.edu</p>

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