



Program Information

Program Name	DeSales University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	2014
Country	United States
State	PA
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Program Information

This page is intended for individuals that are in the process of completing or have already earned a Bachelor's degree. High school students should not apply using PTCAS. Instead, high school students should contact DeSales University Undergraduate Admissions directly for information about the Health Science to DPT - 3+3 program.

Program Description	<p>What makes the DeSales Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program so special? Our contemporary graduate curriculum will prepare you for success in a variety of physical therapy settings. Our program boasts first-year cadaver anatomy, a state-of-the-art simulation center, service-learning community outreach experiences, and much more.</p> <p>DeSales has long been recognized as a leader in healthcare education. Now you can pursue your passion to become a highly-educated physical therapist and movement expert right here in the beautiful Lehigh Valley.</p> <p>The mission of the DeSales University Doctor of Physical Therapy program is to provide a quality physical therapy education consistent with Christian humanism and Salesian values of faith and reason. Students and graduates use their knowledge and skills to integrate scientific inquiry and evidence-based clinical reasoning into everyday practice, addressing the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions. With a focus on social responsibility and ethical conduct, students and graduates are committed to the advancement of the physical therapy profession and to an ongoing personal desire for learning and growth. Through inter-professional communication and collaboration, graduates are prepared to be adaptable in the complex healthcare environment of today and tomorrow.</p> <p>The DPT curriculum is nine consecutive semesters in length, conducted over a three year period. Curriculum highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-course series in Human Anatomy with cadaver laboratories over the first professional year - 2-course series in Special Topics (electives in specialty areas of practice, with possibility of certification) - 36 weeks of full-time Clinical Education
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

Program Information

Institution's Religious Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Qualified applicants considered for acceptance into the DPT Program will be required to participate in an on-campus interview with DPT faculty prior to any admission decision. During the interview, your oral communication skills, professional demeanor, ability to interact in a group, ability to solve problems, commitment to learning, and motivation to pursue a career in physical therapy will be observed. An on-demand writing sample is also required to assess your written communication skills.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$750
Additional Information about Deposit	The tuition deposit is required of all candidates that are offered acceptance into the program. Your deposit will be applied to your tuition upon matriculation into the DPT program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Additional Information about Refunds	In the event that you decide to withdraw your acceptance or fail to complete all conditions of your acceptance, the tuition deposit is forfeited.
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$106910
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$106910
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	28
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	28
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	64%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	36%
% Male	36%
% Female	64%
% Asian	7%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	7%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	82%
% Two or More Races	4%
Additional information about the class profile	The program reserves a limited quantity of seats for qualified graduates of DeSales University undergraduate programs.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
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Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	Technical Standards and Essential Functions of Physical Therapy Practice: Participation in and successful completion of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at DeSales University requires that all candidates and any enrolled students possess the ability to acquire academic knowledge, perform essential physical functions, and demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors involved in physical therapy practice. The clinical doctorate degree awarded at the completion of the student's educational process certifies to the public that each individual has acquired this broad foundation of knowledge and skills requisite for safe, effective and efficient care to the community being served. These technical standards and essential functions represent minimum skill sets ensuring the successful completion of the degree requirements and future success in the provision of physical therapy services. Prerequisite Coursework Form: The completed Prerequisite Coursework Form indicates to the program the prerequisite courses completed at the time of application, as well as an applicant's plan for completion of any outstanding courses. It will be used to track an accepted candidate's progress toward completion of those courses indicated as conditions of acceptance.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Prerequisite Coursework Form
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	Technical Standards and Essential Functions of Physical Therapy Practice
Document upload requirements	Documents must be uploaded in PDF or Microsoft Word format.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	12/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://www.desales.edu/academics/graduate-studies/dpt-doctor-of-physical-therapy/how-to-apply
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	4460
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	11/07/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	11/07/2017
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	A combined verbal and quantitative score of 300 are the recommended minimums to be considered for the program. Significant consideration is also given to a verbal GRE score of 150 or greater.
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not 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 accepted

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Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Submission of a minimum of three references is required. One reference must be completed by the licensed physical therapist with whom the 40 hours of required physical therapy observation was performed. The remaining two references must be completed by non-relative, professional individuals, including, but not limited to, professors, employers, coaches, and licensed physical therapists with whom additional clinical observation was performed.
Information about your PT requirements	A minimum of 40 observation/volunteer/internship/employment hours at a single physical therapy facility is required. Additional observation hours beyond the 40 hour minimum requirement completed in a variety of physical therapy practice settings (i.e. acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, geriatrics, pediatrics, home health care, sports medicine) is evidence of a stronger application and is highly recommended. All observation hours must be completed no more than two years prior to application submission. The signature of a licensed physical therapist and the therapist's state license number is required to verify the number of clinical observation hours completed.
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	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	12/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.58
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.46
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.2 in program specific math/science prerequisite courses is recommended. No grade below "C" and no more than one retake on any prerequisite course will be considered. Prerequisite coursework GPA will be calculated to include all occurrences, including retakes and failures, of all required prerequisite courses. Material presented in prerequisite courses is the foundation for DPT program coursework and student knowledge is expected to be current. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of the application deadline. Individuals who completed coursework outside of this time frame, but are currently working in a physical therapy setting (i.e. physical therapist assistant, exercise physiologist, athletic trainer), will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
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	All undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be evaluated by a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The original foreign transcript as well as the results of the evaluation must be submitted to PTCAS.
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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	International applicants (regardless of citizenship) for whom English is a second language must submit English proficiency test scores as part of their application. All English proficiency exams must have been taken within two years of application submission. Please note that graduate admissions requires the following minimum scores on the TOEFL, IELTS, or the Cambridge English Language Assessment: Advanced (CAE): TOEFL iBT 104 total score with a minimum of 26 in all subscales IELTS 7.5 total score with a minimum of 8 in speaking, 7 in reading and listening, 6.5 in writing CAE C1 or higher To assist with your graduate school application, prospective international students are welcome to schedule an appointment with the director of graduate admissions to learn more about opportunities for graduate study at the University (gradadmissions@desales.edu).

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	No grade below "C" and no more than one retake on any prerequisite course will be accepted. Prerequisite coursework GPA will be calculated to include all occurrences, including retakes and failures, of all required prerequisite courses. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of the application deadline. Individuals who completed coursework outside of this time frame, but are currently working in a physical therapy setting (i.e. physical therapist assistant, exercise physiologist, athletic trainer), will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For any conditionally accepted applicant, all outstanding prerequisite requirements must be completed no later than June 30th prior to matriculation into graduate coursework in the subsequent fall semester.
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	https://www.desales.edu/academics/graduate-studies/dpt-doctor-of-physical-therapy/how-to-apply

Anatomy & Physiology I

Two semesters of Anatomy and Physiology with labs for a total of 8 credit hours. Must be taken in the biology/anatomy department. Labs cannot be taken online. May be taken as 2 combined courses with labs or as one anatomy and one physiology course each with a lab. Applied or functional anatomy courses are not accepted. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years.

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

Anatomy & Physiology II

The second course in the series of Anatomy and Physiology with labs for a total of 8 credit hours combined. Must be taken in the biology/anatomy department. Labs cannot be taken online. May be taken as 2 combined courses with labs, or as one anatomy and one physiology course each with a lab. Applied or functional anatomy courses are not accepted. Courses must have been completed in the last ten years.

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

Biology / Biological Science

One general introductory biology course taught by a Biology department with a lab (3 or 4 credits). Lab cannot be taken online. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Any

Chemistry I

Two-course sequence in general chemistry with labs (total of 8 credits). Must be taken in the chemistry department. Labs cannot be taken online. Topics should cover inorganic and organic principles of chemistry to include modern atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, periodic reactions, thermodynamics, stoichiometry, states of matter, solutions, acid-base balance and metabolic pathways. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years

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

Chemistry II

The second course in a two-course sequence in general chemistry with labs (total of 8 credits combined). Must be taken in the chemistry department. Labs cannot be taken online. Topics should cover inorganic and organic principles of chemistry to include modern atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, periodic reactions, thermodynamics, stoichiometry, states of matter, solutions, acid-base balance and metabolic pathways. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years

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

Exercise Physiology

One upper division course taught in the exercise science/exercise physiology/kinesiology department with a lab. Cannot be an introductory or survey course. Lab cannot be taken online. Topics to include biomechanics, injury and prevention and the adaptive response of the human body to physical exercise and training. A course that introduces fitness assessment and development of a program of activities to reach personal fitness goals is preferred. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years

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

Physics I

Two-course sequence of non-calculus based physics with labs (total of 8 credits). Must be taken in the physics department. Labs cannot be taken online. Topics should cover the principles of classical and modern physics including mechanics, heat, light, electricity, magnetism and motion. Courses must have been completed within the last 10 years

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

Physics II

Two-course sequence of non-calculus based physics with labs (total of 8 credits). Must be taken in the physics department. Labs cannot be taken online. Topics should cover the principles of classical and modern physics including mechanics, heat, light, electricity, magnetism and motion. Courses must have been completed in the past 10 years.

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

Psychology

One introductory or survey-based psychology course taught in the psychology department of 3 credits. Online courses are acceptable. May not substitute sociology or anthropology courses. Courses must be completed within the past 10 years.

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

Psychology

Any two additional psychology courses (total of 6 additional credits beyond the introductory course) taught in the psychology, behavioral science or exercise science department. Online courses are acceptable. May not substitute sociology or anthropology courses. Courses must be completed in the past 10 years.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Any • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: General • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports • Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health • Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies • Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality • Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family

Psychology

courses must be completed in the past 10 years.

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

Statistics

One basic statistics course taught by the mathematics, psychology, or exercise science department (3 credits) with emphasis on the collection, presentation, analysis and interpretation of quantitative and qualitative methods for decision-making including principles of probability, estimation, descriptive and inferential statistics. An online course is acceptable. Courses must be completed within the past 10 years.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
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	08/26/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Dec 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>Qualified applicants with applications completed by the October 15th early application deadline will be invited to participate in an on-campus interview with DPT program faculty in mid-November. Notification of acceptance decisions for these individuals will be made by late-November.</p> <p>Qualified applicants with applications completed by the December 1st final application deadline will be invited to attend an on-campus interview with DPT program faculty by mid-February. Notification of acceptance decisions for these individuals will be made by early-March.</p> <p>All accepted applicants are required to attend a two-day, on-campus orientation beginning August 25, 2021.</p>

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