



Duke University

Program Information

Program Name	Duke University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1943
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Program Information

Program Description	<p>Applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to answer the PTCAS optional essay question regarding COVID-19 prior to submitting their application.</p> <p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Duke University is celebrating over 76 years of excellence in providing the very finest in physical therapist education. The educational component of one of the country's oldest, most esteemed physical therapy programs, Duke's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program traces its beginnings to a nine-month post-baccalaureate certificate program first offered by the School of Medicine in 1943.</p> <p>Since its inception, our faculty has been dedicated to the well-being and professional development of our students, providing excellence in prevention and care to the communities we serve, and fostering quality research in both clinical and basic sciences. Duke's Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum is a two year and eight-month, full-time integration of clinical and didactic education. This integrated educational experience provides a comprehensive foundation in the science and art of physical therapy, preparing graduates to serve as primary care, evidence-based practitioners.</p> <p>Through excellence in education, clinical practice and research, our program has gained an international reputation and has consistently been ranked as one of the top physical therapist programs in the country.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
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	Interdenominational
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 \$1,000.00 deposit is applied directly to the student's Fall tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	108
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	96
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	18%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	82%
% Male	33%
% Female	67%
% Hispanic	8.64%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	1.23%
% Asian	4.9%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	7.4%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	70.37%
% Declining to State	6.17%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50

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Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	5473
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	12/31/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	05/31/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Official GRE scores are required; however, when entering unofficial GRE scores please be sure to enter the scores AND percentiles for each section (verbal, quantitative, analytical).
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	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
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 accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	The Duke University DPT Program requires three reference letters. Please be sure to carefully review these requirements. If the reference letter requirements are not fulfilled then the application will not be considered complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they have submitted the proper reference letters. A) Each applicant MUST submit at least one reference letter from a licensed physical therapist they have observed/shadowed. Reference letters from physical therapy assistants (PTAs), athletic trainers, etc. will not be accepted. B) Each applicant MUST submit at least one reference letter from a professor that taught them in a collegiate classroom/course setting. This letter does not have to be from a professor in your major. Letters from teaching assistants, graduate assistants, academic advisors, lab instructors, internship advisors, etc. WILL NOT fulfill this requirement. C) Each applicant MUST submit one reference letter from someone of their choice; however, letters from family members WILL NOT be accepted. Letters from physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, professors, advisors, lab instructors, coaches, mentors, supervisors/employers, academic advisors, other health care professionals, etc. will be accepted.
Information about your PT requirements	* Typically we require 100 verified observation hours at the time of application. For this application cycle, the 100 observation hours requirement will be waived. Please submit any verified observation hours completed via PTCAS along with any planned hours. * We value diversity in the clinical settings and specialty practices where the applicants obtain their observation hours. As such, we strongly recommended that applicants seek different clinical settings to expand their exposure to the field.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	100

Admission Requirements

Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.60
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	There is NO undergraduate cumulative or program specific prerequisite minimum GPA requirement. Average GPA for Natural Science coursework 3.53.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
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?	No
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	All foreign transcripts (Canadian transcripts included) must be evaluated by the World Education Service (www.wes.org). All foreign transcript evaluation (WES) reports must be sent directly to PTCAS.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* For all of our prerequisites, we require a minimum grade of a C with the exception of coursework completed during the COVID 19 Pandemic. We will accept a Pass grade. * Anatomy and Physiology courses MUST be taken within 5 years of application. Anatomy and Physiology courses taken on or before May 31, 2015 WILL NOT be accepted. * Anatomy and Physiology courses taken on or after June 1, 2015 WILL be accepted. * Comparative and/or evolutionary Anatomy/Physiology courses will NOT fulfill the anatomy and physiology prerequisite. Anatomy courses should focus on muscle origins, insertions, actions, innervation patterns, etc. Physiology courses should focus on striated/cardiac muscle, cardiovascular regulation, respiration/gas exchange, hormonal control, thermoregulation, acid-base homeostasis, etc. Please visit our website (dpt.duhs.duke.edu) and review our Prerequisite Overview for more information. * We will accept anatomy and physiology courses taken in sequence (e.g. A&P 1 and A&P 2 usually offer by the biology department) or we will accept anatomy and physiology courses taken separately (usually offered by an exercise science, kinesiology, or other allied health department).
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://dpt.duhs.duke.edu/education/admissions/prerequisites

Anatomy

Evolutionary or Comparative Anatomy courses will NOT fulfill the anatomy prerequisite. Anatomy/Physiology courses taken before 7/1/2015 WILL NOT be accepted. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 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: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Biology / Biological Science

Biology courses should be taken within the Biology Department. The ONLY course that will be accepted outside of the Biology Department is Exercise Physiology (if not used to fulfill physiology prerequisite). Courses should be General Biology level or higher (introductory courses not accepted).

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Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular

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Chemistry I

Chemistry courses should be taken within the Chemistry department. Courses should be General Chemistry level or higher (introductory courses will not be accepted).

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

Chemistry II

Chemistry courses should be taken within the Chemistry department. Courses should be General Chemistry level or higher (introductory courses will not be accepted).

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

Physics I

Physics courses should be taken within the Physics department. Course topics should include: light, heat, electricity, mechanics, sound, etc.

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

Physics II

Physics courses should be taken within the Physics department. The only course outside of the physics department that will be accepted is biomechanics. Course topics should include: light, heat, electricity, mechanics, sound, etc.

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Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

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Psychology

Psychology courses should be taken within the Psychology department.

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: 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: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports

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Statistics

Calculus and noncalculus based statistics courses will be accepted.

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

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/17/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 15 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>Applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to answer the PTCAS optional essay question regarding COVID-19 prior to submitting their application.</p> <p>The Duke DPT Program has a rolling admissions process which means applications are reviewed throughout the application process, applicants are encouraged to APPLY EARLY! Our Admissions Committee does a holistic review of each application, considering multiple factors when making admissions decisions (GPA, letters of recommendation, essay/short answer questions, observation hours, extra curricular activities, leadership abilities, etc.).</p>

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