



## Program Information

Program Name	Grand Valley State University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
Country	United States
State	MI
City	Grand Rapids
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## Program Information

Thank you for your interest in Grand Valley State University's Clinical Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. The mission of the Physical Therapy program at GVSU is "to advance the profession of physical therapy through excellence in education, scholarship and service." The mission is put into practice everyday of the program.

Our classes are offered in a variety of educational styles, from traditional lecture format to small collaborative problem-based learning groups to clinical experience. Our faculty continually update their teaching methods to best suit the students while also challenging them. Our program is dedicated to evidence-based learning and practice with all faculty involved in research and many continue to practice clinically.

Clinical internships provide our students with experience under the supervision of licensed physical therapists. Students get the opportunity to further practice their knowledge and skills while serving the under-served of Grand Rapids, MI at student-coordinated and serviced Pro-Bono clinics.

This commitment to excellence continues into research. Students partake in a variety of research topics which include nutrition, vestibular rehabilitation, safe patient handling, manual therapy techniques, pediatrics, the risk of fracture in osteoporotic women, and individual case studies, among many others.

Students list numerous reasons for attending GVSU's DPT program. Their top 10 reasons include:

- Faculty credentials include twelve faculty members with Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D., or D.P.T. degrees. There are also 12 faculty members with clinical specializations in orthopedics, neurology, pediatrics, geriatrics, sport, manual therapy, or wound care.
- 40 + Adjunct Faculty
- Completely revised curriculum that includes research experience for all students
- Potential for publication of student research
- 5 advanced electives (sports PT, spinal manual therapy, pediatrics and neurologic PT)
- 38 weeks of full-time clinical internship in 5 settings across the United States
- Opportunities to volunteer and coordinate Pro-Bono Clinics
- State of the art research facility including 3-D motion analysis, isokinetic testing, balance assessment, and instrumented treadmill equipment.
- 4 major hospitals close-by to provide educational experiences
- 98% pass-rate on National Physical Therapy Licensure Examination

We look forward to discussing our program with you and welcome any questions or suggestions you may have. Please feel free to contact us through the College of Health Professions at [chpss@gvsu.edu](mailto:chpss@gvsu.edu) or 616-331-5900.

Program Description

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
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	The \$500 deposit is non-refundable.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/02/2020
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	62
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	62
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	95%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	5%
% Male	18%
% Female	82%
% Asian	3%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	87%
% Two or More Races	6%
% Declining to State	3%

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$30
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	GVSU Supplemental Form (click on link to supplemental form below)
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	International Students: Official credential evaluation (WES, ECE)
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 3	International Students: Official TOEFL scores
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 4	Official GRE results sent to GVSU's PTCAS GRE code 0282
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	<a href="http://gvsu.edu/s/0c8">http://gvsu.edu/s/0c8</a>
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	0282
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Send official scores to the GRE code 0282 for GRAND VALLEY ST U PTCAS
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	153
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	153
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	2.0
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 accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
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	50
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered

## Admission Requirements

Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.80
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.75
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	* A minimum grade of C must be obtained in all prerequisite courses * The overall program-specific prerequisite GPA must be a minimum of 3.2
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Other
Additional information for the foreign transcripts	Please send this transcript directly to GVSU Admissions Office, One Campus Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401
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)

## 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	<a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/pt/">http://www.gvsu.edu/pt/</a>

## Anatomy

Equivalent to BMS 208 (Human Anatomy) & BMS 309 (Human Anatomy Lab) or BMS 250 (Anatomy & Physiology I); NOT acceptable: Equivalent of BMS 202 Anatomy and Physiology survey/overview course	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li> <li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Human</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Biology I

Equivalent to BIO 120 (General Biology I) The course must include cellular structure and function.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> </ul>

## Chemistry I

Two chemistry courses with labs. (Effective Fall 2019 application cycle)

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

## Chemistry II

Two chemistry courses with labs. (Effective Fall 2019 application cycle)

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

## Exercise Physiology

Equivalent to MOV 304 (Physiology of Activity)

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

## Math

Equivalent to MTH 122 (College Algebra) or MTH 123 (Trigonometry) or MTH 201 (Calculus).

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematics: Algebra</li><li>• Mathematics: Calculus</li><li>• Mathematics: Pre-Calculus</li><li>• Mathematics: Trigonometry</li></ul>

## Physics I

Equivalent to PHY 220 (PHY 220 & 221) Two sequential physics courses are required. Both courses must have labs.

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

## Physics II

Equivalent to PHY 221 (PHY 220 & 221) Two sequential physics courses are required. Both courses must have labs.

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

## Physiology

Equivalent to BMS 290 (Human Physiology) & BMS 291 (Human Physiology Lab) or BMS 251 (Anatomy & Physiology II); NOT acceptable: BMS 202 Anatomy and Physiology survey/overview course.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li><li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li><li>• A&amp;P: Human</li><li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li></ul>

## Psychology

Equivalent to PSY 364 (Life Span Developmental Psychology)

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

## Psychology

Equivalent to PSY 101 (Introduction to Psychology)

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

## Social/Behavioral Science

Equivalent to SOC 101 (Introductory Sociology) or SOC 105 (Social Problems) or ANT 204 (Cultural Anthropology)

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology</li><li>• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology</li></ul>

## Statistics

Equivalent to STA 215 (Introductory to Applied Statistics)

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

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/30/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 15 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	All applicants will be notified regarding their status by January 1, 2020.

## Program Contacts

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