



## Program Information

Program Name	Northeastern University
General Description / Special Programs	
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## Program Information

"This page is intended for college graduates who have been conferred a baccalaureate degree OR who will have a conferred baccalaureate degree before matriculation."

## Program Information

The Northeastern University Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is a comprehensive and rigorous graduate-level program. Applicants must complete all prerequisites and earn their undergraduate degree before starting the program in the summer semester. A hallmark of our program is experiential learning and we offer students a variety of educational opportunities including lectures, labs, cadaveric anatomy labs within multiple courses, service learning, interprofessional education and clinical education. Students participate in several simulated patient encounters with people living in the community, representing a variety of health conditions, as well as standardized patients in our interprofessional, state of the art high-fidelity simulation center. Embedded within our 38 month program is a unique and valuable cooperative (co-op) education experience, a six month paid work opportunity in a physical therapy setting.

Our DPT program builds on the university's core values of interdisciplinary education, urban engagement, and cutting-edge research. Our exceptional faculty and staff are dedicated to promoting excellence in interprofessional practice, education, scholarship, and service. All students in the DPT program at Northeastern University gain valuable research education through multiple courses culminating in the participation in research with a faculty mentor and presentation at the annual NU Research and Innovation Exposition. Many students also disseminate research findings with faculty through scientific publications and professional conferences.

### **UNIQUE PROGRAM FEATURES**

#### **Insight Cadaveric Anatomy Lab:**

Students participate in cadaveric anatomy in three courses within the curriculum in our on sight three lab suite within the Behrakis Health Science building.

#### **Interprofessional Opportunities:**

At Bouve College of Health Sciences, interprofessional simulation-learning takes place in the Arnold S. Goldstein Laboratory Suite. Our faculty considers simulation-learning a vital component of experiential education and critical to interprofessional education, collaborative practice and promoting a team-based approach to health care delivery. In addition, in a variety of courses you will have the opportunity to engage with health professional students at Northeastern and other institutions.

#### **Global:**

We offer multiple global academic and service-oriented experiences including but not limited to PT academic exchange programs to Switzerland, PT service programs to Ecuador and clinical education opportunities. \*All opportunities are dependent on university guidelines and in accordance with public health policies.

#### **Concentration Options:**

##### **Sports Performance Concentration**

Sports Performance Concentration enhances a graduates ability to work with athletes collaboratively across all setting with multi-disciplinary teams including physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers, strength and conditioning and sports performance specialists. This concentration prepares physical therapy students to sit for the National strength and conditioning association certified strength and conditioning specialist exam.

##### **Pediatric Concentration**

The concentration in Pediatric Physical Therapy will enhance the entry-level Physical Therapy (PT) graduates ability to engage in interprofessional, family-centered services with children from infancy through young adulthood in a variety of settings.

#### **Research Opportunities:**

1. Neuromotor Systems Lab
2. Lab for Locomotion Research, The ReGameVR Lab
3. Movement Neuroscience Lab
4. Occupational Biomechanics and Ergonomics Lab
5. Neurophysiology Lab
6. Teaching and Learning Innovation Lab
7. Musculoskeletal Epidemiology and Biomechanics Lab
8. Cadaver Lab
9. Neuroscience Wet Lab and Human Cadaver Lab
10. Simulation Education

#### **Cooperative Education:**

Our physical therapy program is one of the only schools where cooperative education is an integral component of the curriculum. This experiential requirement affords students six months of employment within a physical therapy setting. Additional information is available at <https://careers.northeastern.edu/cooperative-education/>.

*In accordance with federal regulations, click here for Northeastern University's [Professional Licensure Disclosure](#) statement for this program as determined for each of the 50 U.S. states and territories, with a link to that State's or Territory's board or licensing agency. This table informs you if successful completion of this degree program meets the educational component or certification requirements for the State or U.S. Territory where you are located or where you intend to reside in the future.*

Program  
Description

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?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1,000
Additional Information about Deposit	Applicants must respond to the PTMRS department before indicated deadline in admissions letter, notifying that they will or will not attend Northeastern's DPT program
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/21/2024
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	100
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	100
Additional information about the class profile	The size of the most recent entering class is 100.

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Curriculum Vitae (CV)
Document upload requirements	Please include a comprehensive CV (instead of a brief resume) which includes the following: a. Summary of responsibilities and experiences in all settings (employed, unpaid, volunteer) b. Leadership c. Research d. Service e. Clinical f. Certifications g. Honors/awards h. Extracurricular activities i. Work experience j. Any other relevant experience
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	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted

## Admission Requirements

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 not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	3 letters of recommendation are required for the 2023-2024 application cycle. We strongly recommend 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. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they have submitted the proper reference letters.
Information about your PT requirements	40 hours of physical therapy observation hours are required for the 2023-2024 application cycle. Employment hours and any type of physical therapy setting are valid.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification of hours is required
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.56
MINIMUM GPA Science GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Science GPA	3.39
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Grades that are pass/fail will be considered for pre-requisites that were taken during 2020.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	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, Canadian citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Any international transcript must be translated into the American academic system. Minimum requirement is a TOEFL composite score of 100.

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Grades will be considered on a broader scale; therefore, pass/fail grades of prerequisite courses during 2020-2021 will be considered.
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	<a href="http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/physical-therapy/programs/pbdpt/">http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/physical-therapy/programs/pbdpt/</a>

## Anatomy & Physiology I

Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3-4 credits): one course with a lab. When Anatomy & Physiology are taken separately, 1 semester of each, each with a lab, are required. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: *Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>

## Anatomy & Physiology II

Human Anatomy & Physiology II (3-4 credits): one course with a lab. When Anatomy & Physiology are taken separately, 1 semester of each, each with a lab, are required. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: *Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>

## Chemistry I

Chemistry is a two semester course sequence. Labs are required for each chemistry courses. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: *Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry I</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li></ul>

## Chemistry II

Chemistry II or Organic Chemistry. Labs are required for each chemistry course. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: *Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry II</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Exercise Physiology

Exercise Physiology without a lab can be taken in an on-campus or an online format. Kinesiology and Biomechanics courses do not fulfill the requirement for Exercise Physiology. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

## Physics I

Physics I and II must be a two course sequence with lab. Physics I and II need not be calculus based. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: \*Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.

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

Physics I and II must be a two course sequence with lab. Physics I and II need not be calculus based. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted. Labs MUST be on site: \*Online labs will be accepted for academic years 2020 and 2021 only.

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

## Psychology

General/Intro Psychology (3-4 credits). Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: General</li><li>• Psychology: General I</li></ul>

## Psychology

Second, High-Level Psychology (3-4 credits). Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li><li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li><li>• Psychology: Advanced</li><li>• Psychology: Any</li><li>• Psychology: Child</li><li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li><li>• Psychology: Developmental</li><li>• Psychology: General II</li><li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li><li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li><li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li><li>• Psychology: Psychopathology</li><li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li><li>• Psychology: Social</li><li>• Psychology: Sports</li></ul>

## Statistics

This course must be a basic statistics course. May be taken through the math, biology, psychology or business department. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
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	07/01/2024
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	November 15, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	The DPT program at Northeastern University does not require an interview. For an on campus perspective of our program, we recommend attending the Bouve College Open House held in the fall and spring semesters. These sessions allow you to become better acquainted with our program, tour our facilities, learn about our ongoing research projects, and meet with current faculty and students. Specifics regarding dates, time & registration please check our website <a href="https://bouve.northeastern.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/">https://bouve.northeastern.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/</a> .

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