



Program Information

Program Name	Northern Arizona University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1978
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Program Description	<p>Northern Arizona University (NAU) with an enrollment of 30,736 students is one of three state universities and offers the DPT Program in both Flagstaff and Phoenix. The Flagstaff campus is situated in a rural mountain community, known for its quality of life, superb beauty and variety of outdoor activities. The Phoenix campus is situated in an urban environment, known for its cultural opportunities and proximity to a variety of sporting and outdoor activities. NAU graduated its first class of physical therapy students in 1981. Those graduates received a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1988, NAU moved to a Master of Science degree. Because the physical therapy faculty fully embraced the movement to doctoral education as the entry-level degree for the profession, NAU transitioned to the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degree in 2000.</p> <p>With a curriculum centered upon the four principle practice patterns of the Musculoskeletal, Neuromuscular, Cardiopulmonary, and Integumentary systems and with a faculty that is nationally and internationally recognized for their individual expertise, students are mentored to be life-long learners, critical thinkers, and clinically competent practitioners who function autonomously within a complex health care system.</p> <p>The Physical Therapy Program at NAU embraces the primary mission of preparing exemplary and professionally engaged Doctors of Physical Therapy through innovative, collaborative, and experiential instruction provided by nationally recognized faculty scholars and leaders across a successful two-campus model. Students gain clinical practice competencies via teaching and mentoring opportunities with the core faculty, clinical adjunct faculty, and clinical educators.</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
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Interviews will be held in person on November 21, 2020 at both the Phoenix and Flagstaff campuses. Interview invitations are generally sent out towards the beginning of November.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$600
Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is non-refundable. It is applied to the first semester tuition for students who enroll.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/22/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	98
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	98
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	65%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	35%
% Male	48%
% Female	52%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
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Supplemental fee amount	\$65
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Description of supplemental materials required	Visit the below link to complete the supplemental application. Please note this supplemental application is required to be considered for the NAU DPT program. This application opens and closes on the same dates as the NAU PTCAS application and cannot be reopened. Applicants who do not submit the NAU Graduate College application by October 1st, 2020 will be immediately declined admission to the program. Please contact Graduate@nau.edu for more information on this application.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://www.applyweb.com/apply/northazg/
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7668
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	10/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/01/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Official GRE scores MUST be submitted to PTCAS for their validation prior to review by the program. Self-submitted GRE scores are INELIGIBLE. Official GRE scores MUST be validated by PTCAS before 10/23/2020 to be considered for the admissions process. Applicants who do not have official GRE scores verified by PTCAS posted to their application by 10/23/2020 will be immediately denied. NAU DPT requires the general GRE exam.
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	149
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	155
MINIMUM GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	146
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	154
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.5
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
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	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type 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 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

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Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Applications with less than 3 references from the required types of evaluators will not be considered. 3 reference letters must be submitted by the October 1st, 2020 deadline for your application to be considered. Applications missing the required references by the posted deadline will be immediately declined. References submitted by evaluator types that are listed above as "not accepted" will not be reviewed and will not be counted towards the 3 letters required. PTCAS only allows you to have 4 references and does not allow you to delete and resubmit references so please consider your references carefully.
Information about your PT requirements	We recommend a breadth of experiences and settings rather than a depth of one experience. 100 observation hours under a licensed physical therapist are recommended but not required for admission to the program.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	100
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.68
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.50
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	If a program-specific prerequisite course is repeated, the Program will use the highest grade earned when calculating the GPA for that category of courses.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
CanadianTranscriptsDictionary	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	English translation required for original foreign transcripts. Non-US citizens must attend the Flagstaff campus. Transcripts must also be submitted with supplemental application to Northern Arizona University Graduate College. Do not send transcripts to the Physical Therapy Program unless directed to do so.

Course Prerequisites	
Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Courses listed below can be found in more detail in the NAU course catalog, under course prerequisites on our PTCAS page, and on our prerequisite advising form. The NAU DPT Program does not have an adviser. Please work with your current undergraduate adviser to plan for entering the NAU DPT program. If you have specific questions regarding a course meeting our prerequisite requirements please complete the Prerequisite Inquiry Form for our evaluation. Please visit https://nau.edu/physical-therapy/admissions-requirements/ for more information and links to these sites.
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	http://nau.edu/CHHS/Physical-Therapy/Degree-Overview/Admissions-Requirements/

Anatomy & Physiology I	
Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Anatomy & Physiology II	
Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
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: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Chemistry I	
Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry I • Chemistry: Advanced • Chemistry: Inorganic • Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Exercise Physiology

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise Physiology

Physics I

General college physics, either algebra or calculus based. Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics II

General college physics, either algebra or calculus based. Must be Lab and Lecture-Based. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Psychology

General Psychology Accepted. 1 or 2 psychology courses required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: General

Psychology

Abnormal or Developmental Psychology required. Second of 2 psychology courses required. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology: Abnormal Psychology: Developmental

Statistics

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology: Biostatistics Business: Statistics Mathematics: Statistics Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/23/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>October 1, 2020: Deadline for completing PTCAS/NAU Graduate College Application (11:59 pm ET)</p> <p>June 30, 2021: The date by which all undergraduate coursework, prerequisites, and degrees must be completed</p>

Program Contacts

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