



Program Information

Program Name	Northern Illinois University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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State	IL
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Program Information

This page is intended for college transfer students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program. Do not apply using PTCAS.

Program Description	<p>The D.P.T. degree program provides a challenging and enriching curriculum dedicated to optimum healthcare. Through experiential learning and evidence-based practice, you'll gain the knowledge and problem-solving skills to become a capable, well-rounded physical therapist.</p> <p>Throughout the program, you will have a wide range of hands-on clinical experiences in our physical laboratory and various healthcare facilities. Our clinical specialists will work with you along the way to make sure you're prepared to make your mark in the field of physical therapy.</p> <p>We believe that you need a quality education to become an exceptional physical therapist and that's why we're accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). In fact, our graduates speak to that every year. Over the last few years, we've had incredibly high graduation rates and every one of our graduates has been employed as a physical therapist after passing their licensing exam.</p> <p>The faculty for the D.P.T. program at NIU take pride in providing a high quality, professional educational experience. The faculty emphasize the development of clinical decision-making skills that are based on current best evidence, as well the development of exception manual skills and the application of therapeutic exercise principles in the examination and treatment of individuals across the lifespan. The D.P.T. program is one of only a few in the country that provides an early introduction to direct patient care, which is done through NIU's Physical Therapy Clinic.</p> <p>At the NIU Physical Therapy Clinic, our licensed staff provides evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic musculoskeletal and/or neurological conditions for both NIU students and local residents. As a graduate physical therapy student, you'll also have the opportunity to put your skills and knowledge to practice here.</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 for DPT admission at NIU will be granted to selected applicants after all submitted application material has been reviewed by the admissions committee. If you are invited to an interview, you should bring a printed copy of your resume and the NIU application essays. The scheduled interview date is Saturday, November 9, 2019.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	No
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	36
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	34
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	94%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	6%
% Male	24%
% Female	76%
% Hispanic	6%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	3%
% Asian	6%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	3%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	82%

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$25

Admission Requirements

Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	4474
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/01/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	09/01/2015
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	151
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	1.5
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	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
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 accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Three reference letters are required for admission and MUST include: * A physical therapist * An academic or work source * A source of your choice – person with whom you have a professional relationship Letters from close friends and family members will not be accepted to meet the requirement.
Information about your PT requirements	Applicants to NIU's DPT Program are required to document, and have a licensed physical therapist verify, a minimum of 50 hours of clinical observation and/or clinical work under a licensed physical therapist. At least 15 hours must be obtained from each setting. The minimum of 50 hours of clinical observation and/or clinical work under a physical therapist must be performed in at least two different physical therapy settings with a minimum of 15 hours coming from each of the settings. (for Example: 30 observation hours in an Outpatient Orthopedic setting and 20 hours in an Acute Care setting.)
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
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements

Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
MINIMUM GPA Last 60 hours GPA	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Last 60 hours GPA	3.70
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
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

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* Provisional acceptance may be granted pending completion of admission requirements. Contact the physical therapy program regarding admissions. * You must earn a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all below prerequisites.
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://catalog.niu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=46&poid=10468

Anatomy

4 semester hours of anatomy or 5 - 8 of human anatomy and physiology.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

8 semester hours of general biology with laboratory

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- A&P: Advanced
- A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
- A&P: SEPARATE courses
- Biology: Advanced
- Biology: Cell
- Biology: General
- Biology: General I
- Biology: Microbiology
- Biology: Molecular
- Biology: Zoology

Biology II

8 semester hours of general biology with laboratory.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- A&P: Advanced
- A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)
- A&P: SEPARATE courses
- Biology: Advanced
- Biology: General
- Biology: General II
- Biology: Microbiology
- Biology: Molecular
- Biology: Zoology

Chemistry

8 semester hours of general chemistry with laboratory

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry: Advanced
- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry

8 semester hours of general chemistry with laboratory.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry: Advanced
- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

Medical Terminology

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 1-3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology

Physics

8 semester hours of general physics with laboratory.

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

Physics

8 semester hours of general physics with laboratory.

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

Physiology

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

Psychology

General Psychology

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: General II

Psychology

Developmental Psychology

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

Psychology

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

Research Methods

Course includes research design, reliability, validity, levels of evidence, use of statistics in research	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

Statistics

Course in general or basic statistics	
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	06/14/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No

Program Contacts

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