



## Program Information

Program Name	Northwestern University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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## Program Information

**Prerequisite Requirements-** For the time period impacted by COVID-19 where alternative grading was utilized, we will accept course grades of pass, satisfactory, or a letter grade of C or higher for prerequisite courses.

**Online Labs-** If you were enrolled in an Anatomy lab course that ended up moving online, we will accept online Anatomy labs for the time period affected by COVID-19. We currently accept online labs for all other prerequisite courses.

**Observation Hours-** Our current number of recommended observation hours has been reduced to 50 hours. If you are having difficulty completing the requirement, please indicate this in your application.

**PTCAS Essay-** Applicants will be given the opportunity to explain how they have been impacted (educationally, personally or professionally) by COVID-19.

Program Description	<p>The Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum of the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine prepares physical therapists to apply the art and science of physical therapy to solve complex patient/client needs for individuals throughout the lifespan. During our 32-month curriculum, learning is viewed as a dynamic and interactive process. Learning of clinical sciences and professional issues begins early and reinforces the clinical significance of the basic sciences.</p> <p>Learning activities focus on developing students' abilities to think critically and develop creative solutions to a variety of clinical problems that increase in complexity throughout the curriculum. All students conduct inquiry into a narrowly defined topic of relevance to the profession of physical therapy through a faculty-supervised project that culminates in a formal presentation to peers, faculty, and members of the clinical community. Academic and clinical faculty cooperatively plan and implement creative and progressive learning experiences to prepare graduates to assume various roles within physical therapy and a changing health care environment.</p> <p>The program includes 38 weeks of full-time clinical education divided into 4, separate clinical education opportunities; two 6-week experiences integrated within the curriculum and two 13-week experiences at the end of the program. In addition to the full-time clinical experiences, students have multiple opportunities to interact with patients, families, and health professionals throughout the curriculum, both in clinical facilities and in the classroom.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	DPT/PhD: In conjunction with the McCormick School of Engineering, students earn the DPT and PhD in Engineering. Applicants complete the PTCAS application for the DPT and The Graduate School application for the PhD. The 7+ year program is fully funded. DPT/MPH: In conjunction with the Program in Public Health, students earn the DPT and MPH (Master of Public Health). Only applicants who have been offered DPT admission may apply for the MPH and dual track. Both degrees are completed in 3 years.
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	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	Deposit will be applied to student's fall tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	95
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	95

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No

## Admission Requirements

Description of supplemental materials required	Please see the link below for instructions regarding the supplemental application fee. The supplemental fee will be waived for applicants who have received a PTCAS fee waiver.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	<a href="http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/pthms/admissions/dpt/admissions-requirements.html">http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/pthms/admissions/dpt/admissions-requirements.html</a>
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7756
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Official GRE scores must be received by PTCAS by the application deadline. Applicants MUST send official scores to ETS code 7756. Our code listing is called "Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine – PTCAS". Selecting a different institution code (even with a "physical therapy" department code) is NOT correct. We can only access scores sent to the 7756 institution code.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	66
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	61
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	70
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 not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type not accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	* One letter must be from a physical therapist who has supervised the applicant in the clinical setting. * One letter must be from a college level professor.
Information about your PT requirements	We value depth and breadth in PT observation hours, diversity in settings and patient populations is a plus. Most successful candidates have spent 100+ hours in various PT clinical settings by the time of application. Verification of hours via PTCAS is preferred.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS

## Admission Requirements

Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	100
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.70
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	A grade of C or higher is required for a course to fulfill a prerequisite.
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?	Other
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)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Non-native English speakers* must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by scoring 100 or higher on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Official TOEFL scores must be submitted to PTCAS via ETS code 5312. *Non-native English speakers who have earned a post-secondary degree from an institution where the official language of instruction is English are NOT required to submit TOEFL scores.

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	All prerequisite courses MUST be completed with a grade of C or better. To best prepare for graduate study at Northwestern, we recommend the majority of prerequisite coursework is completed at an accredited 4 year college or university. In addition to the Required Prerequisites below, we recommend additional coursework in Behavioral Sciences, Calculus and Composition/Writing.
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.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/pthms/admissions/dpt/pre-requisite-courses.html">http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/pthms/admissions/dpt/pre-requisite-courses.html</a>

## Anatomy & Physiology I

2 semesters of a combined A & P course or 1 semester each of separate Anatomy and Physiology courses are acceptable. Laboratory experience in Anatomy is required and may not be completed online.

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

## Anatomy & Physiology II

2 semesters of a combined A & P course or 1 semester each of separate Anatomy and Physiology courses are acceptable. Laboratory experience in Anatomy is required and may not be completed online.

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

## Biology I

General Biology I or higher. Botany is not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology: Advanced</li><li>• Biology: Biostatistics</li><li>• Biology: Cell</li><li>• Biology: Embryology</li><li>• Biology: General</li><li>• Biology: General I</li><li>• Biology: General II</li><li>• Biology: Genetics</li><li>• Biology: Histology</li><li>• Biology: Immunology</li><li>• Biology: Microbiology</li><li>• Biology: Molecular</li><li>• Biology: Zoology</li></ul>

## Biology II

General Biology II or higher. Botany is not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Recommended
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Credits	SH: 4
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology: General II</li><li>• Biology: Genetics</li><li>• Biology: Histology</li><li>• Biology: Immunology</li><li>• Biology: Microbiology</li><li>• Biology: Molecular</li><li>• Biology: Zoology</li></ul>
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## Chemistry I

General Chemistry I or higher.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry I</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>
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## Chemistry II

General Chemistry II or higher.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry II</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>
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## Physics I

General Physics I or higher. Either trigonometry or calculus level physics is acceptable, however calculus physics will be more beneficial for this program.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics I</li></ul>
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## Physics II

General Physics II or higher. Either trigonometry or calculus level physics is acceptable, however calculus physics will be more beneficial for this program.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics II</li></ul>
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## Psychology

One course must be introductory/general psychology. This is part of the 6 semester hours in the BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES.

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

## Social/Behavioral Science

Part of the 6 semester hours in the BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES. Additional courses focusing on human behavior may be taken in Psychology, Sociology, or Anthropology.

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

## Statistics

This course may be taken in any department.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	09/07/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Dec 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p>Northwestern University utilizes a rolling admissions process. Applicants are encouraged to <b>APPLY EARLY</b>, as applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis, until the class is filled.</p> <p>Our Deadlines are as follows:</p> <p><b>Early Decision Deadline: August 1, 2020</b> - Applicants will be notified of early decisions by September 15, 2020</p> <p><b>Preferred Deadline: October 1, 2020</b> - Applicants will be notified ongoing, starting as early as September 15, 2020</p> <p><b>Firm Deadline: December 1, 2020</b> - Applicants will be notified ongoing, starting as early as September 15, 2020</p> <p>We will consider applications <b>submitted</b> by the deadline and will begin reviews as soon as a file is verified by PTCAS. We encourage submitting the application as soon as possible to allow ample time for the PTCAS verification process.</p> <p>If you have decided that Northwestern is your first choice, we strongly recommend that you consider Early Decision. You can find more information about our Early Decision process on our <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>If you are interested in visiting Northwestern's DPT program, please see visit options on our <a href="#">website</a></p> <p>Or contact us at: <a href="mailto:dpt-admissions@northwestern.edu">dpt-admissions@northwestern.edu</a></p>

## Program Contacts

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