



# Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Newark/North Campus)

Program Information	
Program Name	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Newark/North Campus)
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## Program Information

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## Program Information

<p>Program Description</p>	<p>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has programs on six main academic campuses. Rutgers provides comprehensive health services through Rutgers Health, its core teaching hospitals, and its affiliation with health care facilities throughout the state. Our Doctor of Physical Therapy Program North (DPT-North) is housed in the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science of the School of Health Professions, on the Newark Campus, in the division of Biomedical and Health Sciences of Rutgers University. In addition to Physical Therapy, our department is home to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program, and a Masters in Speech and Language Pathology Program.</p> <p>Our DPT-North program uses a holistic admissions process that includes the review of both academic and non-academic elements to evaluate and compare the strengths of all applicants. Academic elements include college course grades and standardized test (i.e. Graduate Record Exam) scores. The non-academic elements are gleaned from the application and should demonstrate your commitment to humanistic principles that are the core values of the Physical Therapy profession such as education, scholarship, and service.</p> <p>Our DPT-North program specializes in doctoral-level education for individuals wishing to become physical therapists. The Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science has a rich tradition of academic excellence in education, research, patient care and community service. Our Program is a full-time, three year, 110 credit program. Students in our entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program receive a state-of-the-art education that prepares them to be in the forefront of the physical therapy profession.</p> <p>Our program participates in the School of Health Professions Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences (PhD) by providing a Movement Science tract. The Movement Science tract is based on a mentoring model of graduate education, with emphasis on independent/directed study and research under the guidance of a faculty adviser.</p> <p>A dual degree DPT-PhD is being offered as a collaborative effort between DPT-North and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) PhD Programs. It allows for accelerated standing in the full-time PhD Program through equivalence recognition of coursework completed in the DPT Program. The purpose of this dual degree program is to prepare clinician-scientists who will pursue research-oriented careers in academia, industry, or clinical-research facilities. Admission to this dual program is highly competitive and applicants will need to meet acceptance requirements of both the DPT and GSBS programs. Applicants admitted to the dual degree program will receive assistance with tuition and a stipend.</p> <p>Our physical therapy faculty possess outstanding qualifications and attributes that, coupled with an exceptional curriculum, account for the excellence of these programs. Our entire faculty has research or clinical doctorates and many are clinical specialists. Members of our faculty have served at the state and national level in numerous capacities: as state delegates, committee chairs, district officers, State Board President, national officers, and in many other professional roles. All of our faculty members are involved in research, either in our labs, or other labs in the area. Our program facilities include a premiere health-sciences library, three fully equipped research labs that are directed by physical therapy faculty and engaged in research related to physical therapy practice, as well as a state of the art gait lab. We also have interactive classroom facilities, and computer laboratories.</p> <p>The Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science serves the community through its faculty practice which provides occupational and physical therapy to the school children in Newark and Paterson. The mission of the faculty practice is to provide the highest quality physical and occupational therapy services to students with special needs to achieve maximum function and participation in educational environments, and to improve each client's quality of life with an ultimate goal of community integration.</p> <p>Our Community Participatory Physical Therapy Clinic is student run and provides pro bono services to the University and Newark communities. Our Department also participates in the University's association with Special Olympics and many other community service activities.</p> <p>Rutgers is located in University Heights near other universities and is close to the Newark Museum, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Prudential Center, with easy access to New York City.</p> <p>*The Rutgers DPT-North Program strives to recruit a qualified student population that reflects the diversity in our region and society. We are committed to an open and inclusive environment that is welcoming to underrepresented minority groups with the overarching goal of contributing to a Physical Therapy workforce built on the strengths of our diversity.</p>
<p>Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree</p>	<p>DPT/PhD In Biomedical Sciences (Optional)</p>
<p>Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional information about interviews</p>	<p>We will have 2-3 interview sessions that begin in October/November. IF you are selected for an interview, an invitation will be emailed to you. Interviews are required for our program, and if you choose not to attend the interview session, your application will no longer be considered for our entering class.</p>

## Program Information

Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$750
Additional Information about Deposit	All deposits are non-refundable, including an additional fee for a criminal background check.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	65
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	65
% Male	40%
% Female	60%
% Hispanic	3%
% Asian	20%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	63%
% Two or More Races	6%
% Declining to State	6%

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7636
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	11/15/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	09/15/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	1. The admissions committee STRONGLY recommends that candidates exceed these minimums. 2. We have extended the last acceptable test date to November 15, 2020, however, we strongly encourage an earlier test date so that we can make decisions on your application. 3. All Official GRE scores MUST be released to us from PTCAS no later than December 1, 2020. No exceptions will be made if scores arrive after December 1. 4. Your application will NOT be considered if your GRE scores were not sent to our program code 7636 (we will not have access to your official scores if not sent to 7636).
MINIMUM GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	154

## Admission Requirements

MINIMUM GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	150
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	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type 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 accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Three (3) recommendation letters are required. Two (2) from physical therapists (not PTA's) that you volunteered or worked with from 2 DIFFERENT facilities, and one (1) from anyone other than a friend, family member, or neighbor. Your application will NOT be considered if: 1. ALL recommendation letters are not received by October 1, 2020. 2. The PT letter writer did NOT observe you in the clinic. 3. The PT letter writer is a personal friend or family member. 4. The PT letter was written by a committee, not a licensed PT. *Applicants should be mindful of whom they are asking to write a letter of recommendation on their behalf due to complications of the pandemic. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses. However, if applicants opt to receive pass/fail course grading, then it would be critically important to select an academic reference who can and will speak specifically to the applicant's academic/classroom abilities. If applicants are not able to undertake planned PT volunteer/work experiences, applicants should be sure to speak with preexisting contacts to solicit a writer for the letter of recommendation from a Physical Therapist.
Information about your PT requirements	- No minimum number of hours are required, however you need to be there long enough for the Physical Therapist to feel comfortable in writing a strong recommendation letter. The Admissions Committee uses a guideline of AT LEAST 100 hours with each physical therapist. No verification form is required. - You must have observation hours in a variety of settings (i.e. geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, long term care, rehab, etc...). - Many physical therapy providers have limited or stopped volunteer activities. As such, the Rutgers DPT Program recognizes that the ability to undertake the recommended quantity and breadth of PT experience might be limited. Applicants should make efforts to garner experience that meets the requirements/recommendations of the Program, when it is again safe to do so. If a candidate feels that their ability to meet the requirements for admission was impacted by CoVID-19 they are encouraged to provide that information in the space allotted for those explanations in PTCAS.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	300
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered

## Admission Requirements

MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.20
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.50
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.30
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.60
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	To be competitive, the Admissions Committee STRONGLY recommends that candidates exceed these minimums. Many colleges and universities have offered students the option to have pass/fail course grading rather than letter grading. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send WES foreign evaluation for Canadian courses to PTCAS
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	The minimum score for TOEFL is 100 (or above) for the internet based (iBT) examination. The TOEFL exam must be taken on or before September 15, 2020. The official test results must be received by PTCAS no later than October 1, 2020.

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	However, 3+3 joint program applicants are not required to earn their bachelor's degree prior to entering the program.
General Information	1. Normally we do not accept online coursework for the lab components of the prerequisites. However, many colleges and universities have offered students the option to have pass/fail course grading rather than letter grading. The Rutgers DPT Program recommends that applicants opt for letter grading for all courses that provide a letter grade option, particularly for prerequisite courses. 2. Coursework in progress is permitted during the 2020-2021 academic cycle. All coursework must be completed by June 2021. 3. Applicants cannot have more than 4 incomplete (in progress) prerequisite courses at the time of application. At least 2 of the 4 allowable incomplete courses must be taken during the Fall semester. All courses must be completed by June 1.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Yes

## Anatomy & Physiology I

Courses must consist of human and/ or mammalian anatomy and physiology. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by a sole semester of human anatomy, a sole semester of human physiology is required. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II is required. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component. Exercise Physiology lecture and lab not accepted. If your school offers separate courses, please identify Anatomy as fulfilling A&P I and Physiology as fulfilling A&P II. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 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> <li>• A&amp;P: Vertebrate</li> </ul>

## Anatomy & Physiology II

Courses must consist of human and/ or mammalian anatomy and physiology. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by a sole semester of human anatomy, a sole semester of human physiology is required. If the anatomy and physiology requirement is met by Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II is required. Must be at a science major or pre-medicine level with a lab component. Exercise Physiology lecture and lab not accepted. If your school offers separate courses, please identify Anatomy as fulfilling A&P I and Physiology as fulfilling A&P II. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 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: Physiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li><li>• A&amp;P: Vertebrate</li></ul>

## Biology I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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: Embryology</li><li>• Biology: General</li><li>• Biology: General I</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

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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: Embryology</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>

## Chemistry I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Chemistry II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Physics I

Calculus and Non-Calculus based courses are accepted. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

## Physics II

Calculus and Non-Calculus based courses are accepted. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

## Social/Behavioral Science

Please select a course (with the highest grade) from the following subjects: Anthropology, Philosophy, Psychology, or Sociology. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

## Social/Behavioral Science

Please select a course (with the highest grade) from the following subjects: Anthropology, Philosophy, Psychology, or Sociology. Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

## Statistics

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
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	07/19/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Other
Important dates	<p>For those applicants who submit their entire application to PTCAS before September 1, 2020, you MAY be considered for an earlier admissions decision. Approximately 10-15% of our matriculated incoming class is accepted via an earlier admissions decision. Applications MUST include all required transcripts, letters of recommendation, official GRE scores, and TOEFL (if applicable for international students). If you meet this criteria, and you are invited for an interview, please select the earliest interview date. These interview dates are first come, first served. If the first date is filled, please register for the second date knowing that you will no longer be considered for an earlier admissions decision.</p> <p><b>Applications that are not verified and released to us (via PTCAS) by December 1, 2020, are considered incomplete and will not be considered for admission.</b></p>

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