



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

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Mission

The mission of Drexel's DPT program is to prepare skillful, innovative and compassionate Doctors of Physical Therapy who embody and promote health equity, excellence, evidence-informed practice, and lifelong learning in diverse healthcare and community environments.

The Drexel Difference

The Drexel DPT program consists of integrated didactic and clinical study spread over 10 quarters. Consistent with Drexel's reputation as a leader in technology, the DPT program recently moved to the new, state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building. This building provides students with access to leading technology.

- **Anatomy Training:** Drexel DPT students complete anatomy in technologically adapted lab spaces that allow students to conduct their own hands-on dissection as well as watch live streams within lectures and labs to enhance the curriculum. Additionally, students have access to the Digital Anatomy and Imaging Lab which provides 2D resources for review of radiographs, CT scans, MRI imaging, and diagnostic US and 3D interactive anatomy and CT/MRI reconstructions.
- **Specialized Electives:** The Drexel DPT program offers electives on advanced practice topics such as Pelvic Health, Emerging Technologies, Regional Anatomy, Manual Therapy, and Running Analysis. These electives help prepare students for work, or further training, in their corresponding competitive fields.

- **Standardized Patient Labs (SPL):** DPT students complete a variety of SPL experiences to prepare them for clinical experiences. SPL's are activities conducted within rooms designed to look like a typical PT out-patient or in-patient setting. Professional actors play the role of a "patient" and students practice a variety of skills. SPL labs within the Health Science Building are equipped with high-fidelity video and audio equipment, which allows students to be remotely assessed by faculty and review the interaction after it ends for self-reflection.
- **Individualized Clinical Education:** The DPT clinical education team utilizes an individualized approach to match students to clinical sites and experiences that are the best available fit based on location, specialty interests, preferred workflow, and more.

By the numbers

100% pass rate overall on the National Licensure Examination.

100% employment rate of graduates after program completion.

2.5 year curriculum.

Merit Scholarships are available for admitted students ranging from **\$13,750-\$50,000**.



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Application Process

The Drexel DPT program admits one cohort of students each year for fall quarter entry. Applications open in mid-summer of the year prior to admission (e.g. summer 2025 for fall 2026 admission). All application materials are submitted via the PTCAS website (PTCAS.org) and there is **no supplemental application**.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Drexel DPT program must complete the following prerequisites within **7 years** of applying to be eligible for admission. Applicants can have a maximum of **3 outstanding** prerequisites at the time of application.

Prerequisite Courses	
Subject	Semester Credits
Biology with lab*	8
Chemistry with lab*	8
Physics with lab	8
Human Physiology <i>or</i> Anatomy & Physiology I with lab**	4
Human Anatomy <i>or</i> Anatomy & Physiology II with lab	4
Psychology	3
Statistics	3

*Biology and Chemistry prerequisite requirements can be completed with 8 credits, including labs, in subject matter (e.g. students can take Biology I & II, *or* Biology I and Microbiology, with labs, to fulfill the 8 credits required. Classes must be subject specific, not just delivered by the department (e.g. a medical terminology class with a BIO prefix will not be accepted).

Note: Online labs are not accepted to fulfill prerequisites.

**Human Physiology can be substituted with Systems or Vertebrate Physiology, but Exercise Physiology will not be accepted.

QUARTER STUDENTS: Applicants attending an institution on the quarter system must take 12 credits each in biology, chemistry, physics, and anatomy and physiology.

Application Checklist

Completed bachelor's degree or expected completion prior to Fall program start date	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verified PTCAS application which includes:	
Official Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two Letters of Recommendation (one from a science professor or advisor and one from a physical therapist)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official GRE scores are required with no set minimum. (Drexel reporting code: 7795)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentation of shadowing, volunteer, or internship experiences (50 hours or more is recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information on past activities and achievements	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Pathways available: DPT to PhD Pathway, Orthopedic & Pediatric Residencies

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