



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

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Mission

The mission of the DPT program is: To prepare competent, compassionate doctors of physical therapy by promoting excellence, evidence-based practice, lifelong learning, and to graduate innovative practitioners who exhibit civic and professional responsibility in diverse healthcare and community environments.

The Drexel Difference

The Drexel DPT program consists of integrated classroom work and clinical experiences spread over 10 quarters. Consistent with Drexel's reputation as a leader in technology, the DPT program has an innovative curriculum which prepares students to be leaders in their field. Some examples of the unique experiences provided to students include:



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. Students also 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.



Interdisciplinary activities: The Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences department, within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is housed in the Health Sciences Building alongside the College of Medicine. Sharing physical space provides all programs with the opportunity to collaborate with one another and train students to work as part of an interdisciplinary healthcare team.



Standardized Patient Labs (SPL): DPT students complete a variety of SPL experiences to prepare them for real physical therapy patient interactions. 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 are equipped with high-fidelity video and audio equipment, which allows students to be remotely assessed by faculty and also review the interaction after it has concluded for self-reflection.



Specialized Electives: The Drexel DPT program offers electives on advanced practice topics such as Pelvic Health, Advanced Regional Anatomy, Emerging Technologies, Running Mechanics, and Advanced Manual Therapy. These electives provide students with in-depth learning in these topic areas and prepare them for competitive training and career opportunities.

By the numbers

100% pass rate overall on the National Licensure Examination.

100% employment rate of graduates six months after program completion.

2.5 year accelerated curriculum.

Merit Scholarships available for admitted students ranging from **\$13,7500-\$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 June of the year prior to admission (e.g. June 2023 for fall 2024 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).

**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 (Drexel reporting code: 7795. A score of 150 on the verbal and quantitative portions and a 4.0 on the writing is recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documentation of shadowing, volunteer, or internship experiences (50 hours or more is recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resume/CV	<input type="checkbox"/>

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