

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Physical therapists are health professionals who work with individuals in preventing, evaluating, and treating physical dysfunction and injury. An understanding of human movement serves as the foundation for the practice of physical therapy. The Physical Therapy Program at the University of North Florida provides graduates with the knowledge and skills to become generalist practitioners. Physical therapists are graduates of an accredited Physical Therapy program who have passed a state licensure examination. UNF's Physical Therapy program is fully accredited by Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, and graduates are eligible to take the licensure examination. The curriculum consists of 102 credit hours taken over eight semesters.

The students to be admitted each year will be determined by the Brooks College of Health, in consultation with Physical Therapy program faculty, with consideration of the resources available to the program, the quality and size of the applicant pool, and current market conditions. Students who meet minimum requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program. Normally, 36 students will be admitted to the program each year.

Criteria for Enrollment in the DPT program

To be considered for admission, students must apply to the program by **February 15** (postmark) of the year for which they wish to be admitted. Prior to enrolling in professional courses, students must have the following credentials:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the University of North Florida. The DPT program does not require a specific undergraduate major. Students should select a major that represents personal interests and abilities. Applicants who apply while still enrolled in an undergraduate degree program will be admitted contingent upon successful completion of the bachelor's degree prior to enrolling in graduate courses.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses within seven (7) years prior to application. Students completing courses prior to the seven (7) year period may request special consideration and be may asked to demonstrate competency through completion of subsequent academic coursework, standardized testing, or professional experience. Applicants who apply while still enrolled in prerequisite courses will be admitted contingent upon successful completion of all courses.
- Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher in all prerequisites.
- Documentation of a minimum of eighty (80) hours of volunteer/observation experience under supervision of a physical therapist.
- Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher in all work attempted as an upper-level student, normally the 60 semester hours taken during the last two years of undergraduate study.
- A composite score of 1000 or more on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) from within the past five (5) years.
- Two references; one from someone that is familiar with your academic ability and one from a physical therapist. The reference form is available at the DPT program website.

Applications for admission and all supporting documents are to be submitted to The Graduate School. Questions regarding the admission process can be directed to The Graduate School at 904.620.1360.

Prerequisite Courses:

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| ➤ CHM 2045/L and CHM 2046/L (or equivalent) | General Chemistry I and II | 8 semester hours |
| ➤ PHY 2053/L and PHY 2054/L (or equivalent) | College Physics I and II | 8 semester hours |
| ➤ PSY 2012 (or equivalent) | Intro to Psychology | 3 semester hours |
| ➤ DEP 3054 (or equivalent, see website) | Lifespan Development | 3 semester hours |
| ➤ STA 2014 (or equivalent) | Elementary Statistics | 3 semester hours |
| ➤ BSC2085C and BSC2086C and BSC 1010C (or equivalent) | Anatomy/Physiology I and II | 8 semester hours |
| OR | General Biology I | 4 semester hours |
| ➤ BSC 1010C and BSC 1011C (or equivalent) and PCB3703C (or equivalent) | General Biology I and II | 8 semester hours |
| | Human Physiology | 3 (minimum) semester hours |
| ➤ HSC 3531 (or equivalent) *only <u>recommended</u> at this time | Medical Terminology | 3 semester hours |
| ➤ It is recommended that students have basic computer literacy. | | |


Expenses and Financial Assistance

Students in the Physical Therapy program pay the same tuition rate per semester hour as other graduate students at UNF. Resident and nonresident tuition rates differ substantially. The curriculum requires students to enroll for 12 or 13 semester hours each fall and spring semester and six or seven semester hours each summer. Students in the Physical Therapy program will incur additional expenses, including laboratory fees in some clinical courses; the cost of laboratory and clinical uniforms; fees and costs associated with attendance at professional state/local conferences and meetings; membership in professional organizations; health insurance; and liability insurance. Students will also be responsible for transportation and living expenses associated with clinical internships and immunizations and health screening as required by clinical facilities.

The physical therapy curriculum is rigorous and requires a substantial commitment of student time. Students will need to remain flexible with their time to participate fully in laboratory sessions, clinic visits, and internships. Most students are unable to maintain regular employment during enrollment in the program. Availability of scholarships, fee waivers, and assistantships is very limited. Those requiring financial assistance while enrolled in the program should contact the UNF One Stop Office (904.620.5555).

Sequence of Courses

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Fall		Fall	
PHT6110c Gross Anatomy for Physical Therapists (6 credits.) PHT5005 Professional Issues (2 credits.) PHT5257c Clinical Skills (3 credits.) PHT6122c Kinesiology (3 credits.)	PHT6318c Orthopedic Physical Therapy I: Extremities (4 credits) PHT6303c Applied Pathophysiology (2 credits) PHT6191c Neuroscience II: Motor Control and Learning (3 credits) PHT6314c Neurology I: Pathology, Examination and Intervention (4 credits) PHT6734 Physical Therapy Management of the Integument (1 credit)		
Spring		Spring	
PHT6153c Human Physiology (3 credits) PHT6267c Examination and Intervention (4 credits) PHT6161c Neuroscience I: Clinical Neuroanatomy/Physiology (4 credits) PHT5806 Clinical Practicum (1 credits) PHT6606c Clinical Inquiry I (3 credits)	PHT7385c Exercise Physiology/Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy (4 credits) PHT7183c Orthopedic Physical Therapy II: Spine & Occupational Health (5 credits) PHT7315c Neurology II: Advanced Examination and Intervention (4 credits) PHT6607c Clinical Inquiry II (2 credits) PHT7937 Special Topics in PT (2 credits)*		
Summer		Summer	
PHT6218c Therapeutic Modalities (3 credits) PHT6354c Pharmacology (2 credits) PHT6809 Clinical Education Prep I (1 credits) PHT6819c Clinical Internship I (4 credits) - 6 weeks PHT7937 Special Topics in PT (2 credits)*	PHT6823c Clinical Internship II (4 credits) - 6 weeks PHT6824c Clinical Internship III (4 credits) - 6 weeks		
YEAR 3			
Fall		Fall	
PHT7551 Leadership in Physical Therapy (3 credits) PHT7009c Differential Diagnosis (3 credits) PHT7741c Spinal Cord Injuries and Prosthetics (3 credits) PHT7617c Clinical Inquiry III (2 credits)* PHT7141c Lifespan Geriatrics/Pediatrics (4 credits) PHT7937 Special Topics in PT (3 credits)*	* Courses may not be required for all students.		
Spring		Spring	
PHT7825c Clinical Internship IV (5 credits) - 8 weeks PHT7826c Clinical Internship V (5 credits) - 8 weeks	* Courses may not be required for all students.		



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