

Doctor of Physical Therapy, DPT

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website. They must have completed a baccalaureate degree and all prerequisite coursework from an accredited institution in the United States, or anticipate completing the degree before enrolling in the DPT program. They must have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 and must have completed the following prerequisite coursework, preferably with a GPA of at least 3.00.

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. They must take the test early enough for their scores to be received prior to the application deadline.

Prerequisite Science Courses

All science courses must include the appropriate laboratory instruction. The prerequisite courses must have been taken for a letter grade. Credit awarded through advanced placement testing may be applied only to the mathematics requirement.

Biological Sciences

A complete introductory series of courses in principles of general biology or zoology and advanced coursework in biology or zoology (for which an introductory course is prerequisite) equivalent to 12 s.h.

Anatomy

Human or comparative vertebrate anatomy, preferably with a lab component, equivalent to 3 s.h.

Physiology

A systemic human physiology course equivalent to 3 s.h.

A two-course sequence of anatomy and physiology equivalent to 6 s.h., preferably with a lab component, can fulfill the physiology and anatomy prerequisites.

Physics

A complete introductory series equivalent to 8 s.h.

Chemistry

A complete introductory series equivalent to 8 s.h.

Psychology

Courses equivalent to 6 s.h.

Mathematics

A college-level mathematics course, at the level of trigonometry or higher, equivalent to 3 s.h.

Statistics

A statistical methods course equivalent to 3 s.h.

Applications

Applications are submitted online through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). PTCAS

allows applicants to use a single application and one set of materials to apply to multiple physical therapy programs. Once the application portfolio is complete with PTCAS, they will forward it to the University of Iowa.

See Application Timeline on the Department of Physical and Rehabilitation Therapy website for the application timeline.

The physical therapy admissions committee requests personal, on-campus interviews. Since the number of students admitted into each class is limited, not all who apply for admission are invited for an interview.

Background Checks

Enrollment in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program is contingent on a successful criminal background check. Drug screening may be required for some clinical rotations.

Expenses

Applicants admitted to the DPT program must make an advance tuition payment which is forfeited if the applicant does not enroll. In addition to paying University of Iowa tuition and fees plus departmental fees, students are assessed laboratory fees for the human anatomy and neuroanatomy courses and are responsible for purchasing supplies, such as lab coats. Students also are responsible for all costs associated with professional development and clinical experiences.

All students are required to comply with the pre-entry and periodic health screening program developed by Student Health in cooperation with University of Iowa Health Care. All costs incurred for the health screenings are the student's responsibility. Students also are required to have health insurance.