Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

Our Mission
The mission of FIU’s Department of Physical Therapy is to contribute to the health of the global community. Our student-centered program will prepare ethically, racially and culturally diverse students to be caring and competent Doctors of Physical Therapy. The department fosters critical thinking, scholarship and leadership through an evidenced-based curriculum and interdisciplinary research related to populations who have, or are at risk for developing movement problems. Faculty and students are engaged in community activities related to our research and teaching.

Our Vision
The vision of the FIU Department of Physical Therapy is to be a national leader in physical therapy education and research.

Our Goals
Goal 1: To improve quality and scope of departmental research.
Goal 2: To improve student-centered academic excellence.
Goal 3: To increase the depth of professional service and community engagement.

Facts At a Glance
- The Florida Board of Governors approved the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree for implementation at Florida International University in Fall 2007.
- To the best of our knowledge, employment of our graduates from the program is 100%.
- The Physical Therapy Department currently has 158 enrolled students. The demographics of our students are:
  - White: 49%
  - Hispanic: 26%
  - Asian: 9%
  - Black: 6%
  - Unspecified: 10%

*Prerequisite Certificate Program
The DPT Prerequisite Certificate Program provides undergraduate level instruction for the completion of the prerequisite courses needed to be eligible to apply to the DPT Program while concurrently completing the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Science (BS) degree offered at FIU. Completing this certificate does not guarantee acceptance into the DPT program. Students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, completing or already holding the a BA/BS degree are eligible to apply by filling out the form available at: https://onestop.fiu.edu/_assets/docs/registrar/Certificate_Program_Application.pdf and submitting it to the Office of Student Services, Room AHC3-121 with a copy of your transcripts and required residency documentation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
For program information: http://cnhs.fiu.edu/pt 305-348-6640
For advising appointment: Office of Student Services sscnhs@fiu.edu 305-348-7709
For graduate school information: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/ 305-348-2455

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DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:
The Department of Physical Therapy at Florida International University (FIU) offers the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) degree that provides the required educational preparation for a professional career as a physical therapist. Our graduates are ethnically and racially diverse physical therapy practitioners poised to help eliminate healthcare disparities in the local, state and national community.

ACCREDITATION:
The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Florida International University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org.

Students will graduate with a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree and be eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Education (NPTE) exam.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:
The Department of Physical Therapy at Florida International University offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, which is a three-year, 113-credit program. Each cohort of approximately 55 students follows the identical degree plan with a strict retention policy that is aligned with that of the University Graduate School. 34 weeks (20 credit hours) of clinical education, didactic courses are primarily face-to-face and delivered in classroom or clinical laboratory format. Due to accreditation expectations, students are divided to form three lab groups.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:
Application deadline is January 16th. Early admission applications are reviewed on a weekly basis beginning in September prior to the January deadline. Well qualified students who apply within this time frame will be invited to campus for an early interview. Successful candidates will be offered early admission contingent on completing all admission requirements. For application information go to: http://cnhs.fiu.edu/pt

HOW TO APPLY:
• Application submitted through Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS); http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx
• Supplemental Graduate School Online Form at: https://pslinks.fiu.edu/scs/pslinks/EEMPLOYEE/CA MP/c/FIU_CAMPUS_COMMUNITY_MENU/FIU_CCC1023_PTCAS.GBL
• PTCAS must receive all information by the application deadline. APPLY EARLY. Applicants will be allowed to have 2-3 prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:
• Bachelor’s degree in ANY ACADEMIC FIELD from a regionally accredited institution.
• A GPA of 3.0 on upper division coursework. In addition, overall GPA and prerequisite coursework are considered in the admission process.
• Completion of the following pre-requisite courses before starting the program. Please note that survey courses in chemistry, biology, and physics are not acceptable.
  ◆ Two semesters of General College Physics with labs
  ◆ Two semesters of General College Chemistry with labs
  ◆ Two semesters of General College Psychology
  ◆ One semester of General College Statistics
  ◆ One Semester of General Biology with lab
  ◆ One semester of Human Physiology with lab
  ◆ One semester of Anatomy with lab
• Applicants are required to take the GRE to meet Graduate School requirements. A score above the 50th percentile on both Verbal and Quantitative section of the GRE is recommended. Students must also take the Analytical Writing portion of the GRE. A minimum score of 3.5 is recommended. http://www.ets.org/gre/
• At least 60 hours of observation within a physical therapy clinic or facility which must be completed prior to application to the program.
• Three (3) letters of reference, two (2) of which must be from a licensed physical therapist.
• Students are responsible for the costs of required criminal background checks and drug screening.

1. CHM1045 course prerequisite: MAC1105 or MAC1114 or MAC1140 or MAC1147 or CHM1025 or adequate placement test score
2. PHY2048: Calculus I (MAC 2311 or equivalent) should be taken prior to or concurrent with this course
3. PHY2053 course prerequisite: Trigonometry (MAC 1114 or equivalent) should be taken prior to or concurrently with this course
4. CLP1006 Psychology of Personal Effectiveness is NOT acceptable
5. ZOO 3731 course prerequisite: BSC1010 or PCB 2099 or BSC203 or MCB2000 or HSC3549
6. PCB 3702 with lab is an acceptable substitute for HSC 3549. HSC3549 course prerequisite: BSC2023 or BSC1010

Florida International University: General Biology I with lab BSC 2010L
Miami Dade College: Principles of Biology I with lab BSC 2010L
Broward College: Intro. to Biology I with lab BSC 2010L
Palm Beach State College: Principles of Biology I with lab BSC 1015L

General Chemistry I & II, with labs CHM 1065L AND CHM 1066L
Miami Dade College: General Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis I & II, with lab CHM 1045L AND CHM 1046L
General Chemistry I & II, with labs CHM 1045L AND CHM 1046L
Broward College: General Chemistry I & II, with labs CHM 1045L AND CHM 1046L
Palm Beach State College: General Chemistry I & II, with labs CHM 1045L AND CHM 1046L

Physics w/Calculus I & II with labs PHY 2048, PHY 2049L AND PHY 2049 OR Physics w/o Calculus I & II with labs PHY 2053, PHY 2048L AND PHY 2054, PHY 2049L
Miami Dade College: General Physics I & II with labs PHY 2053L AND PHY 2054L
Broward College: General Physics I & II with labs PHY 2053/2053L AND PHY 2054/2054L
Palm Beach State College: General Physics I & II with labs PHY 2053/2053L AND PHY 2054/2054L

Human Anatomy with lab ZOO 3731L
Miami Dade College: Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs BSC 2085L AND BSC 2086L
Broward College: Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs BSC 2085L AND BSC 2086L
Palm Beach State College: Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs BSC 2085L AND BSC 2086L