

School of Health Professions

Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)

Three Year Full Time Program



DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



The Physical Therapy program is a three-year program, offering a BS in Health Sciences and a DPT in Physical Therapy. The program includes 43 credits at the undergraduate level and 91 credits at the graduate level.

Physical therapists work to diagnose and manage movement dysfunction; restore, maintain and promote optimal physical function; promote wellness and fitness; and prevent the onset and progression of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities due to various diseases, injuries, conditions, or disorders.

The mission of the PT program is to prepare students in providing quality PT services to a culturally diverse population, emphasizing the needs of the individual within the current health care environment. Students are guided to become critical thinkers

and decision makers committed to lifelong learning, who integrate evidence-based practice and current clinical practice guidelines within the moral and ethical standards set forth by the APTA.

The program prepares graduates to assume the roles of PT clinician, educator, consultant, health care advocate, community leader, researcher, and administrator.

Accreditation, Credentialing and Licensure

The physical therapy program at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 718-270-7720 or email Ranjit.Alvarez@downstate.edu.

Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our summer start program.
- Sign up to attend an Information Session (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation)
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program
- For additional information, please visit the website

Steps to apply

1. **Download and Read the Application Instructions**
2. **Check the Deadline on our website**
3. **Prepare Your Documentation.**
You may be required to upload documents related to your application
4. **Submit Your Application via:**
<https://tinyurl.com/mr3u5uuu>
5. **Check Your Status.**
Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status

[See reverse for requirements >](#)



**Scan the QR code
to visit the school's
website or:**

<https://tinyurl.com/downstate-PT>

Admission Requirements

The following criteria represent the minimum requirements for application to the Physical Therapy program:

- A minimum of 80 semester credits from a college/university institutionally accredited and recognized by the **Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)**
Visit our website or visit www.chea.org for more information.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Graduate Records Examination (GRE) score report (Institutional code 2534).
- A minimum of 50 hours of clinical experience in a Physical Therapy setting.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation — one from a college science professor and one from a physical therapist.
- Minimum scores on GRE of 150 verbal and 150 quantitative are preferred.
- A grade of “C” or better in the following prerequisite courses:

Subject	Total Semester Credits
Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab or Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab*	4
Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab** or General Biology 1 with lab or General Biology 2 with lab	4
General Chemistry 1 with lab and General Chemistry 2 with lab	8
General Physics 1 with lab and General Physics 2 with lab	8
General Psychology	3
Psychology Elective	3
Statistics	3
English	3
Three (3) Upper Division (Junior/Senior) courses***	9

* All applicants must complete at least one (1) semester of Anatomy & Physiology

** The same Anatomy & Physiology course can only be counted once

*** These courses must all be from the **same area of study or the same discipline**; e.g. Nine (9) upper-division credits from the Biology or History department

- All required sciences **must be designated for science majors**. The science courses **must be less than 10 years old for all applicants**; sciences that are **older than 10 years old** will not be considered.
- Online courses are accepted for prerequisites, but the Physical Therapy program prefers a college laboratory setting (wet lab) for science courses that require labs.
- Minimum grade of “B” preferred in all science prerequisite courses. Only science courses designed for **science majors are acceptable**.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Refer to the website for the most current information: <https://tinyurl.com/downstate-PT>