

Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)

Three Year Full Time Program



The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University offers a comprehensive and forward-thinking education designed to prepare future physical therapists to become highly skilled, compassionate, and evidence-driven practitioners. Located in the vibrant and diverse community of Brooklyn, the program provides a unique opportunity for students to learn within a major academic health center. This dynamic learning environment is enriched by diverse clinical experiences and meaningful community engagement.

Our curriculum is grounded in strong foundational sciences with active learning experiences, clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice, and hands-on experiential learning.

Led by experienced faculty with strong academic and clinical backgrounds. With 75% of faculty serving as board-certified specialists (ABPTS) and possessing specialized







expertise across key areas of physical therapy. Many faculty members have demonstrated leadership in healthcare and within the physical therapy profession.

Students benefit from a supportive learning environment, affordable tuition, and small class sizes that allow for personalized mentorship, student advisement, and close faculty support.

Students also benefit from access to valuable resources including opportunities for cadaver dissection, interdisciplinary and interprofessional learning experiences, and complimentary access to digital resources such as AccessPhysiotherapy and the FA Davis book and video collections.

Rooted in SUNY Downstate's commitment to health equity and service, the DPT Program prepares graduates to serve diverse populations, promote wellness, and make a meaningful impact in their communities. Graduates are well prepared for the National Physical Therapy Examination and for professional practice.

Why SUNY Downstate DPT Program

-  **Highly Experienced Faculty:** 75% of faculty are Board Certified (ABPTS).
-  **Leaders in Their Fields:** positioning them at the forefront of research and practice.
-  **Small Class Size:** Personalized mentorship, student advisement, and support from faculty.
-  **Low Tuition:** Among the lowest tuition rates in the metropolitan area.
-  **Ample Resources:** including cadaver dissection, and free access to digital resources such as AccessPhysiotherapy and FA Davis book/video collections.
-  **Location:** Located in the heart of Brooklyn, a vibrant urban setting with diverse clinical experiences.



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

www.tinyurl.com/downstate-PT

Admission Criteria and Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Admission may be granted, pending completion of the degree. Candidates without a bachelor degree are required to have a minimum of 80 semester credits from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and must have earned a minimum of 33 credits in Liberal Arts and Sciences and 30 credits in at least seven of the ten SUNY-GER subject areas.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - An overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for science courses.
 - An overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in prerequisite coursework.
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in each of the prerequisite courses.
- Two letters of recommendation are required including one from an academic faculty member and one from a licensed physical therapist.
- A minimum of 50 observation or clinical experience hours completed in at least two different physical therapy settings (e.g., inpatient and outpatient) or across two distinct practice areas (such as orthopedics, neurology, geriatrics, or pediatrics), with at least 20 hours completed in each setting.
- GRE submission is required. A score of 148 in Verbal Reasoning and 148 in Quantitative Reasoning are recommended.
- Successful performance on an admissions interview.

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.

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Note: Graduates of the program will earn BS/DPT Degree.



Required Course Prerequisites

To ensure that students have the foundational content knowledge and skills needed to successfully complete the DPT curriculum, the Program requires the following prerequisite coursework. All science courses must have been completed within the past 10 years:

Subject	Total Semester Credits
Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II with labs or Human Anatomy with lab and Physiology with lab	6
General Biology I with lab or General Biology II with lab	4
General Chemistry I and II with lab	8
General Psychology	3
Statistics	3
General Physics I and II with labs	8