Preparing to Enter Physical Therapy Graduate Programs

The colleges listed below offer a Graduate Program in Physical Therapy (DPT). For a complete list of Physical Therapy programs, please visit the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education website.

- Clarkson University, NY
- Columbia University, NY
- CUNY Hunter College
- CUNY College of Staten Island
- Daemen College, NY
- Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY
- New York Institute of Technology, NY
- New York Medical College, NY
- New York University, NY
- School of Health Sciences; Touro College, NY
- Stony Brook University, NY
- SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Required Courses**¹: Successful applicants must complete the below pre-requisite courses.

- **General Biology I & II** – BIOL 105 AND BIOL 106
- **Anatomy & Physiology**² – BIOL 325 and BIOL 326 OR BIOL 40 and BIOL 41
- **Cell Biology**³ – Biol 286
- **General Chemistry I & II** – CHEM 113 AND CHEM 114
- **General Physics I & II** – PHYS 121 AND PHYS 122
- **Psychology** – PSYCH 101 AND PSYCH 221 AND PSYCH 217
- **Statistics** – BIOL 230 OR PSYCH 107 OR DATA 205
- **Mathematics** – MATH 122
- **Medical Terminology**
- **One course in Exercise Physiology, Motor Control, or Motor Learning**⁴ – FNES 340 OR 341 OR 342 OR 343.
- **One course in Physical Activity**⁴ – Check FNES course listings (e.g., Movement, Dance, and Sports).
- Two courses in English composition
- Five courses in Humanities & Social Sciences (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Urban Studies, Philosophy, etc.)
- Recommended minor: Health Sciences
Miscellaneous Requirements⁵:
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Cumulative and pre-requisite GPA >3.0
- Standard First Aid Certification
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification by the Red Cross
- Basic Life Support Certification by the American Heart Association
- Graduate Record Examination; GRE
- >100 hours of clinical experience with a licensed physical therapist in a variety of inpatient and outpatient setting.
- Community Service, volunteering, and leadership
- Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service Account: PTCAS

¹ – This list is based on and derived from the pooled admission’s requirements for the year 2021-22 of the institutions. The exact prerequisite courses may vary and must be verified with individual schools.
² – Students are strongly encouraged to check with their prospective schools. Biol 325 & 326 are recommended. Department approval required.
³ – Pre-requisite for Biol 325 & 326. It is not a requirement for PT programs and it itself has pre-requisites.
⁴ – FNES department’s approval required for enrollment.
⁵ – These requirements vary between individual PT programs and must be verified before applying. The certifications must be up to date.