



## 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<sup>1</sup>:** Successful applicants must complete the below pre-requisite courses.

- **General Biology I & II** – BIOL 105 AND BIOL 106
- **Anatomy & Physiology<sup>2</sup>:** BIOL 325 and BIOL 326 OR BIOL 40 and BIOL 41
- **Cell Biology<sup>3</sup>:** 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<sup>4</sup>** – FNES 340 OR 341 OR 342 OR 343.
- **One course in Physical Activity<sup>4</sup>** – 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.)

### Miscellaneous Requirements<sup>5</sup>:

- 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](#)

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<sup>1</sup> – The exact prerequisite courses may vary and must be verified with individual schools.

<sup>2</sup> – Students are strongly encouraged to check with their prospective schools. Biol 325 & 326 are recommended. Department approval required.

<sup>3</sup> – Pre-requisite for Biol 325 & 326. It is not a requirement for PT programs and itself has pre-requisites.

<sup>4</sup> – FNES department's approval required for enrollment.

<sup>5</sup> – These requirements vary between individual PT programs and must be verified before applying. The certifications must be up to date.