

Direct Entry Admission

Incoming Freshman Applicants

Doctor of Physical Therapy

2022-2023

If you are a high school senior and wish to be considered for Direct Entry (DE) admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, you must submit an undergraduate application along with the PT essay to the University of Evansville by November 1. After being fully admitted, you will be invited to interview with a DPT faculty member.

Individual interviews will be scheduled in-person or virtually on a rolling basis. We recommend that you increase your knowledge of the physical therapy profession through independent exploration and physical therapy observations before your interview. All Pre-PT applicants and their parents are encouraged to attend the PT exploration day held on the first Saturday of December each year. An email to register for this event will be sent following receipt of your UE application.

If you are selected for direct entry, a seat will be reserved, and you will enter the DPT Program after completing three years (3+3 track) or four years (4+3 track) of DPT prerequisite and undergraduate course work. This will be followed by three years (nine semesters including summers) of professional study.

To matriculate into the DPT Program as a direct entry student you must:

- Achieve a 3.35 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) by the end of the summer following your sophomore year in college (3+3 track) or junior year (4+3 track). A GPA of 3.35 or higher must be maintained through the fall semester of the junior year (3+3 track) or senior year (4+3 track).
- Achieve a 3.35 or higher stats and science prerequisite course GPA by the end of the summer following the sophomore year (3+3 track) or junior year (4+3 track). A prerequisite math and science GPA of 3.35 or higher must be maintained through the fall semester of the junior year (3+3 track) or senior year (4+3 track).

- Earn a grade of C or higher in all undergraduate course work. *Note: A grade of C- does not meet this requirement.*
- Complete four of the seven science prerequisite courses by the end of the summer following your sophomore year (3+3 track) or junior year (4+3 track).
 - All remaining prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C, not C-, or higher before entering the DPT Program.
- Be involved in at least one campus activity each semester.
- Complete a **minimum** of 20 hours of physical therapy observations each year. At least two different types of physical therapy settings must be represented in the total hours.
- Submit the following documents to the Department of Physical Therapy no later than September 15, in the fall of your junior year (3+3 track) or senior year (4+3 track) of college.
 - Direct Entry Verification Form
 - All college transcripts
 - An unofficial copy of your UE transcripts is acceptable.
 - Activities transcripts (*UEngage*)
 - Verification of degree completion
 - Complete a criminal background check

Prerequisite Courses

The following prerequisite courses must be completed before matriculating into the DPT Program.

Prerequisite Course	Credit Hours	UE example course
General Biology with lab*	4	BIO 107 or 119
Anatomy and Physiology with lab (2 semesters)*	8	EXSS 112 and 113
General Chemistry with lab (2 semesters)*	8	CHEM 118 and 240
General Physics with lab (2 semesters)*	8	PHYS 121 and 122
Introductory Statistics**	3	QM 227
Introductory Psychology	3	PSYC 121
Medical Terminology	1	HE 100

* Courses are counted as science pre-requisites.

** Statistics is included with the science pre-requisites to calculate science pre-requisite GPA.

An applicant may repeat two of the prerequisite courses except for Medical Terminology. The highest grade will be used when calculating the science and stats prerequisite GPA.

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