

## Graduate Admission

The DPT application cycle each year is July 1 through October 1. The program has a mid-May start each year. All applications to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Evansville must be made through the **Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS)**.

The University of Evansville does not require a supplemental application. If you have questions regarding admissions, please contact Jennifer Simon, program administrator, at [js698@evansville.edu](mailto:js698@evansville.edu).

## Application and Admission Requirements

Admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program is selective. Admission decisions are made based on the evaluation of cumulative GPA, prerequisite science and stats GPA, professional recommendations, written application assessment, personal interview, physical therapy observations, knowledge of the profession, and an on-campus writing assessment. Applicants will be ranked by total points achieved for academics, application assessment, and interview.

## Transcript Assessment

Transcripts are assessed to determine whether or not, at the time of application, the applicant has met the following requirements:

- Successful completion of at least four of the seven prerequisite science courses with a grade of C or higher. A C- does not meet this requirement.
  - All remaining prerequisite course work must be completed by the end of the spring semester before matriculating into the DPT Program.
- Prerequisite stats and science grade point average of 3.0 or higher. (**Science GPA Calculator**)
- Only two of the prerequisite courses may be repeated except for medical terminology. The highest grade achieved for repeated stats or science prerequisite courses will be used in calculating your prerequisite science and stats GPA.
- Grades and actual credit hours achieved for prerequisite course work taken at other institutions will be used to calculate your stats and science prerequisite GPA.
- A copy of all college transcripts must be submitted with your application.
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

## Prerequisite Course Work

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the completion of coursework equivalent to the following prerequisite courses. The applicant must indicate on the application all prerequisite courses that are not complete at the time of application, as well as the applicant's plan to complete the courses before matriculating into the DPT Program if selected.

- General Biology I (4 credit hours with lab)
- Chemistry I (4 credit hours with lab)
- Chemistry II (4 credit hours with lab)
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II (8 credit hours with labs, combined or separate courses)
- Medical Terminology (1 credit hour)
- Physics I (4 credit hours with lab)
- Physics II (4 credit hours with lab)
- Introductory Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)

### **Application Assessment**

Application materials will be assessed by a Selection Committee. Applications will be assessed based on evidence of responsibility, teamwork, and leadership, understanding of the profession, professional recommendations, observational experiences (including total hours and number of facilities), additional exploration of the profession, and an essay.

- A **minimum** of 60 hours of physical therapy observations with licensed physical therapists in at least two different types of physical therapy settings must be included in the total hours.
- Two professional recommendations are required. One recommendation must be completed by a physical therapist and one by a professor from whom the candidate has taken at least one course.
  - If the candidate is unable to obtain a recommendation from a professor, the second recommendation may be completed by another health care professional. The candidate will be asked to explain why he or she was unable to obtain a recommendation from a professor.
- The application essay will be scored based on: structure, grammar/mechanics, language, and content/information.

### **Interview**

Qualified applicants will be invited to campus for DPT Interview Day held on the third Saturday of November each year. An individual interview and on-campus writing assessment will be conducted.

### **Admission into the DPT Program**

Qualified applicants will be ranked by points achieved for cumulative grade point average, stats and science prerequisite grade point average, application, and interview. Additional points will be added for undergraduate coursework completed at the University of Evansville.

Qualified applicants who are not selected for admission will be placed on a waitlist. If a selected applicant declines our offer of admission, the top-ranked, waitlisted applicant will be offered a position. The waitlist will be maintained until May 1, 2023.

### **Bachelor's Degree Completion**

All admitted students must complete a bachelor's degree before entering the DPT Program.

### **Criminal background checks**

A criminal background check is required as a condition of acceptance into the DPT Program and annually thereafter. A positive result may prohibit a candidate from entering the DPT Program, completing a DPT degree, or securing licensure after graduation.

### **Proof of Health Insurance**

Physical therapy students must have health insurance.

*Admission criteria are subject to change.*

*The Department of Physical Therapy reserves the right to make final decisions concerning all admission criteria.*