

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS: PHYSICAL THERAPY

Description: Physical therapists (PTs) are health care professionals who diagnose and treat individuals of all ages, from newborns to the very oldest, who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their abilities to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. PTs examine each individual and develop a plan using treatment techniques to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability.

Program Length: The DPT is a three-year, 106 semester hour program that includes 32 weeks of clinical education.

Admission Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree (no specific major is required)
- Take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Verbal, Quantitative and Written are required
- Complete Graduate School and DPT application package
- Volunteer Experience: A minimum of 100 hours is encouraged. This experience must be supervised by a licensed PT.
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses
- **Important! Check with the physical therapy program of your choice regarding specific prerequisites; as some have different requirements than those listed.**

<u>Required Pre-requisite Courses</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>ECU Equivalent</u>
General Chemistry with lab	8	CHEM 1150, 1151/1160, 1161
General Physics with lab	8	PHYS 1250, 1251/1260, 1261
Biology/Anatomy/Physiology	12	BIOL 1100, 1101/2140, 2141/ 2150, 2151*
College Algebra or higher	3	MATH 1065 or higher
Statistics	3	BIOS 1500, MATH 2228, 2283, or PSYC 2101
Psychology	6	Any 2 ECU courses

*OR 8 semester hours of General Biology (BIOL 1100,1101/1200,1201) and 4 hours of Human or Mammalian Physiology with lab (this course is not taught at ECU).

Information listed above is subject to change without prior notice. Visit the DPT website to obtain the most current information.

Program Statistics at ECU

Application deadline: January 5 (Early Decision: Apply by Dec 1)
Accepted students: 30 students Applications received: 150 - 175
Average GPA of accepted students: 3.65
Average GRE of accepted students: 1150
Admission preference is given to North Carolina residents.

Online Resources

ECU Physical Therapy www.ecu.edu/pt/
American Physical Therapy Association: www.apta.org
North Carolina Physical Therapy Association: www.ncpt.org
NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners: www.ncptboard.org