

ECU DPT Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you accept online classes for DPT pre-requisites? No online courses are accepted with classes that have labs.

Do you require a statement of purpose? Yes, you must submit a statement of purpose with your graduate application. You should address your academic and professional goals and why you are seeking instruction in the DPT program. The narrative should also include a description of your expectations of the program, as well as any related qualifications that you possess, including talents, skills (e.g., computer literacy, etc.), collegiate and professional accomplishments, community activities, and any other substantial personal achievements. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your writing skills. (This information is from the Graduate School website.)

How many reference letters do you require? We require three reference letters. Two should be from licensed physical therapists who have observed you. The third is a general reference. PTAs are accepted as a general reference only. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

Where can I find the reference letter form? Once you have paid the graduate school application fee, the graduate school will send you a link to forward to your references. Your references can submit their reference letter with this form or without. They can send it electronically through the site you send them, they can e-mail it to the graduate school through their website at gradschool@ecu.edu or by mail to: Graduate Admissions Office, East Carolina University, 131 Ragsdale Hall, Greenville, NC 27858. The reference letter form can be found at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/applicationinfo.cfm> . Scroll to the bottom of the page, under Application links, you will see reference form. If your references choose to mail a hard copy to the graduate school, please make sure they sign the back of the envelope across the seal.

Where should I submit my transcripts, reference letters and personal statement? All of these items go to the **Graduate School only**. They can be submitted with your application or can be mailed to the graduate school at: Graduate Admissions Office, East Carolina University, 131 Ragsdale Hall, Greenville, NC 27858.

Can I get an early interview before my GRE score has been reported to ECU? No. You can submit your application, but you will not be given an interview until your score is received. The Graduate School determines if students are qualified or not. You must score within the 30% to be qualified for Graduate School.

What do I do if I retook the GRE and my score will not be in before the early deadline? When you submit your DPT application write beside the first score “retook GRE, waiting for new score”. We will look at the score that we have and determine if you place high enough to be interviewed early with the current score. If your score was not high enough we will wait until the next score is reported and then look at your application again. The graduate school e-mails us when a new score has been submitted.

How are multiple GRE scores used? We take the highest score of each section. For example on the 1st GRE test you scored 160 on Verbal , 145 on Quantitative, and 3.5 on Writing, on the 2nd GRE test you score 153 on Verbal, 150 on Quantitative and 4 on Writing. We would take the 160 on Verbal from the 1st test, 150 from the 2nd test and 4 on writing from the second test.

How do the new GRE scores equate to the old GRE scores? Please visit http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf for GRE score equivalence.

Do you have an open house for perspective students? Yes, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The schedule will be posted on our website when the dates are available. Please register at www.ecu.edu/pt/openhouse.cfm if you plan to attend the open house.

How much is tuition and fees? Tuition and fees can be found at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/financial_serv/cashier/tufee.cfm. Under the heading Main Campus select the semester you will be attending, then scroll down to Graduate School.

How often do you accept students per year? We only accept students one time per year. Our application deadline is Dec. 15th. Students who are accepted start the 11 week summer session, which starts in May.

How many students apply to the DPT program each year? On average we have 220 students to apply each year.

How many students do you accept each year? We accept 30 students each year to begin in the 11 week summer session in May.

What is the average GRE score for students who are admitted into the DPT program? The average GRE score is 1160.

What are the average overall GPA and pre-requisite GPA of students who are admitted? The average overall GPA of our students is a 3.6 and pre-requisite GPA is 3.5.

Do you accept Organic Chemistry for a pre-requisite for Chemistry? No, we do not.

Do you accept Genetics for a pre-requisite for Biology? No, we do not.

Do you accept exercise science statistics courses for the pre-requisite statistics course? No, we do not. We will only accept math department or statistics department classes for statistics.

Is there a DPT application needed in addition to the Graduate School application? Yes, the link can be found at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/pt/admission.cfm> under the heading Admission Requirement.

Can you apply to the Physical Therapy Department before you apply to the Graduate School? Yes. However your application will not be reviewed until the Graduate School application has been completed and all information has been submitted.

How do my observation hours need to be listed? Observation hours need to be documented on the DPT application. These hours should be recorded as of the date you apply. This needs to be a numerical number. We will not accept "2 semesters" or "still observing". You need to have a minimum of 100 hours of observation completed at the time you apply.

How do I know if a pre-requisite class will be counted at ECU as the equivalent course? If you go to the ECU website, click on OneStop (under My Links on the right hand side), click on tools, click on course equivalence, then search for the College or University and course number. If it is not listed on these pages, then the course will need to be reviewed or looked up on the internet to determine if you will receive credit for that course.

Do you give preference to in-state students? Yes, in-state students are given preference over out-of-state students. We accept one to two out-of-state students each academic year out of 30 overall students.

Do you prefer students have a specific undergraduate degree or does one degree weigh more heavily than another? No, we do not have a preferred undergraduate degree. In the past students coming from a health related degree do better in our classes than those of non-health related degrees.

How long does it take the Graduate School to process all my information? After the Graduate School receives your information, it takes about two weeks before it is in the system where it can be printed and reviewed. Please keep this in mind when applying close to the due date.

Who do I contact about questions for the DPT program? You can contact Tracy Gilland by phone 252-744-6239 or by e-mail at gillandt@ecu.edu if you have questions.