



## DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

The Department of Physical Therapy at Florida International University (FIU) offers the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) degree that provides the required educational preparation for a professional career as a physical therapist. Our graduates are ethnically and racially diverse physical therapy practitioners poised to help eliminate healthcare disparities in the local, state and national community.

## ACCREDITATION:

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Florida International University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [ac-creditation@apta.org](mailto:ac-creditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Students will graduate with a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree and be eligible to sit for the [National Physical Therapy Education \(NPTE\) exam](#).

## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The Department of Physical Therapy at Florida International University offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, which is a three-year, 113-credit program. Each cohort of approximately 55 students follows the identical degree plan with a strict retention policy that is aligned with that of the University Graduate School. 34 weeks (20 credit hours) of clinical education, didactic courses are primarily face-to-face and delivered in classroom or clinical laboratory format. Due to accreditation expectations, students are divided to form three lab groups.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Application deadline is **January 16th**. Early admission applications are reviewed on a weekly basis beginning in September prior to the January deadline. Well qualified students who apply within this time frame will be invited to campus for an early interview.

Successful candidates will be offered early admission contingent on completing all admission requirements. For application information go to:

<http://cnhs.fiu.edu/pt>

## HOW TO APPLY:

- Application submitted through Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS): <http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx>
- Supplemental Graduate School Online Form at: [https://pslinks.fiu.edu/psc/cslinks/EMPLOYEE/CA/MP/c/FIU\\_CAMPUS\\_COMMUNITY\\_MENU.FIU\\_CCC1023\\_PTCAS.GBL](https://pslinks.fiu.edu/psc/cslinks/EMPLOYEE/CA/MP/c/FIU_CAMPUS_COMMUNITY_MENU.FIU_CCC1023_PTCAS.GBL).
- PTCAS **must receive all** information by the application deadline. **APPLY EARLY**. Applicants will be allowed to have 2-3 prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree **IN ANY ACADEMIC FIELD** from a regionally accredited institution.
- A GPA of 3.0 on upper division coursework. In addition, overall GPA and prerequisite coursework are considered in the admission process.
- Completion of the following pre-requisite courses before starting the program. *Please note that survey courses in chemistry, biology, and physics are not acceptable.*
  - Two semesters of General College Physics with labs
  - Two semesters of General College Chemistry with labs
  - Two semesters of General College Psychology
  - One semester of General College Statistics
  - One Semester of General Biology with lab
  - One semester of Human Physiology with lab
  - One semester of Anatomy with lab
- Applicants are required to take the GRE to meet Graduate School requirements. A score above the 50th percentile on both Verbal and Quantitative section of the GRE is recommended. Students must also take the Analytical Writing portion of the GRE. A minimum score of 3.5 is recommended. <http://www.ets.org/gre/>
- At least 60 hours of observation within a physical therapy clinic or facility which must be completed prior to application to the program.
- Three (3) letters of reference, two (2) of which must be from a licensed physical therapist.
- Students are responsible for the costs of required criminal background checks and drug screening.



The NWCNHS is proud to support diversity among students, faculty and staff.

Florida International University	Miami Dade College	Broward College	Palm Beach State College
<b>General Biology I with lab</b> BSC 2010/L	<b>Principles of Biology I with lab</b> BSC 2010/L	<b>Intro. to Biology I with lab</b> BSC 2010/L	<b>Principles of Biology I with lab</b> BSC 1010/L
<b>General Chemistry I &amp; II, with labs</b> CHM 1045/L <sup>1</sup> AND CHM 1046/L	<b>General Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis I &amp; II, with labs</b> CHM 1045/L AND CHM 1046/L	<b>General Chemistry I &amp; II, with labs</b> CHM 1045/L AND CHM 1046/L OR Gen. Chem. A, B, & C, with labs CHM 1040 AND CHM 1041/1045L AND CHM 1046 E/1046L	<b>General Chemistry I &amp; II, with labs</b> CHM 1045/L AND CHM 1046/L
<b>Physics w/Calculus I &amp; II with labs<sup>2</sup></b> PHY 2048, PHY 2048L and PHY 2049, PHY 2049L OR <b>Physics w/o Calculus I &amp; II with labs<sup>3</sup></b> PHY 2053, PHY 2048L and PHY 2054, PHY2049L	<b>Physics w/o calculus I &amp; II with labs</b> PHY 2053/L AND PHY 2054/L	<b>General Physics I &amp; II with labs</b> PHY 2053/L AND PHY 2054/L	<b>General Physics I &amp; II with labs</b> PHY 2053/2053L AND PHY 2054/2054L
<b>6 credits of Psychology</b>	<b>6 credits of Psychology<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>6 credits of Psychology<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>6 credits of Psychology<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Introduction to Statistics I</b> STA 2122 OR <b>Statistics for Health Professions</b> STA 3145	<b>Statistical Methods</b> STA 2023	<b>Statistics</b> STA 2023	<b>Statistics</b> STA 2023
<b>Human Anatomy with lab</b> ZOO 3731/L <sup>5</sup> AND <b>Clinical Physiology</b> HSC 3549 <sup>6</sup>	<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II with labs</b> BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L	<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II with labs</b> BSC 2085/L AND BSC 2086/L	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II with labs</b> BSC 2085 /L AND BSC 2086/L

- CHM1045 course prerequisite: MAC1105 or MAC1114 or MAC1140 or MAC1147 or CHM1025 or adequate placement test score
- PHY2048: Trigonometry (MAC 1114 or equivalent) should be taken prior to or concurrently with this course
- PHY2053 course prerequisite: MAC2311 or equivalent
- CLP1006 Psychology of Personal Effectiveness is NOT acceptable
- ZOO 3731 course prerequisite: BSC1010 or PCB 2099 or BSC2023 or MCB2000 or HSC3549
- PCB 3702 with lab is an acceptable substitute for HSC 3549. HSC3549 course prerequisite: BSC2023 or BSC1010