

Neumann University
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Fact Sheet
Fall 2016

Program Information

- The Physical Therapy Program at Neumann University is accredited by:

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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CAPTE is an accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CAPTE grants specialized accreditation status to qualified entry-level education programs for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

CAPTE may be contacted to register complaints against the program.

Program Outcomes:

- **NPTE pass rate for the class of 2016 is 100%.**
- **Aggregate pass rate for class years 2015-2016 is 100%.**
- **Graduation rates for class years 2015-2016 is 90%.**
- **100% of all licensed graduates (class years 2014-2016) who responded to surveys and who were otherwise contacted are employed as physical therapists.**

Program Schedule

- 3 year program, 3 semesters per year, 11 weekends per semester
- Total of 95 credits
- Although offered in the weekend in-class format, the program is full-time
- A tentative 3-year calendar of program weekends is provided upon entry into the program
- Program weekends generally run 8am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday. Actual hours may vary depending on the term. Students must be flexible during program weekends.
- Exceptions to the weekend format:
 - Spring of second year (January to March) and Winter/Spring of third year (January to May) when clinical internships occur. These experiences will

be full time, typically Monday through Friday and will require a leave of absence from current job and financial planning in advance

- PT619 and PT719 are 1 credit courses that will meet on select weekdays during the fall of years 2 and 3 respectively
- Research presentation day and skills review day are typically on a Friday during the fall term.

Costs

- Present estimated cost of program: approximately \$95,000 (tuition, books and one-time lab fee of \$500, \$60 background check fee years 2 & 3)

Courses

- Classes are held at Neumann University in the Living and Learning Center III and the Bachmann Main Building, with the exception of the first semester (Saturday Anatomy course is at Jefferson University from 8:30am-5:30pm). Occasional course-specific, local clinic visits and off-site service learning projects may be required. Directions to off-site locations will be provided.
- A few courses are hybrid in nature (part in class, part web supported). All courses are supported through Blackboard Learn.
- Please refer to the program web page and related links for information regarding essential skills expectations for physical therapy students, admissions requirements, grading and progression, and graduation policies.
<https://www.neumann.edu/academics/grad/therapy/index.asp>

Students/Graduates

- A maximum of 30 new students are enrolled per year
- Average GPA of class recently admitted in 2016 is 3.32
- Average pre-requisite GPA of class recently admitted in 2016 is 3.4
- All accepted students have met prerequisite coursework consisting of a Bachelor's degree and stated prerequisites; and, students may be from a variety of clinical or non-clinical backgrounds.
- Students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon entry in the program.
- Many students work during the week. Working is not prohibited however students often find it necessary to reduce hours to devote appropriate time to their studies. If students work, it is strongly recommended that they not work more than 20 hours/week.
- Working during clinical experiences is against program policy.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required prior to attending clinical affiliations for progression in the program.
- Students must pass comprehensive program examinations associated with PT619 (fall, year 1) and PT719 (fall, year 2).
- Acceptance rate for the class entering May 2016 is 27%.
- Matriculation rate of class entering May 2016 is 80% (based on number of accepted applicants)

Communication

- Computer access with email is required and high speed connectivity is highly recommended.

Clinical Affiliations

- We contract with approximately 500 clinical affiliation sites (Potential new sites may be presented to the ACCE for contract consideration.)
- The 3 required clinical experiences include acute care, outpatient, and inpatient rehabilitation (may include specialty area or home care)
- Clinical assignments are made by matching students to appropriate clinical experiences

Faculty

- In addition to their teaching responsibilities, all core and adjunct faculty participate in clinical practice
- All core faculty participate in scholarly activity related to their teaching content, practice expertise, and research interests
- In addition to instructional weekends, core faculty are on campus regularly during the week
- Faculty may be easily reached via email or by phone

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