General Information about the DPT at Hunter College

About the Physical Therapy Profession: Physical therapists, as essential members of the health care team, address health maintenance and the prevention of disabilities, the identification and assessment of impaired motor function and rehabilitation toward optimal health and function. The physical therapist provides therapeutic services to individuals of all ages with movement impairments, musculoskeletal, neurological, sensorimotor, cardiovascular, and other physiological dysfunctions. Physical therapists may be employed in hospitals and extended care facilities, ambulatory clinics, school systems and sports medicine centers. They may also be self-employed professionals in private practice.

About the DPT at Hunter:
The Program is an entry-level post-baccalaureate clinical doctorate (DPT) degree curriculum. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association has granted this program Full Accreditation status through 2016. The last re-accreditation site visit was extremely positive with recommendations for program enhancement. The program has been accredited since 1971.

Alumni have achieved a passing rate on the National Licensing Examination equal to or above the national average. Overall passing rate is typically 100% for each graduating class. The full-time faculty are active in many facets of the Physical Therapy Profession. All faculty members are engaged in research and/or publishing in peer-reviewed journals. Faculty members have an average of 24 years of teaching experience and over 31 years of clinical experience. All faculty members hold doctoral degrees. For detailed information about this curriculum, open house dates, etc., please go to our website listed above.

Application processing occurs every Fall semester for admission in the following June. Students will enter the DPT Physical Therapy Program in the summer semester; the program is designed for full-time study during the day.

The Hunter College Graduate Admissions Office will administer your application for June admission. The application will be available on-line at http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions or about August 15th. The online application is only available under “Fall”, there is no summer application pull down menu. Apply to the DPT program under this Fall menu. The program does begin in June. We do not participate in PTCAS.

Applying to the Hunter College DPT Program

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The deadline for submitting your application online to Hunter College is November 1st for being considered for admission to the class beginning the following summer.

This information packet is a summary of more detailed information on the Physical Therapy Department website. We suggest you review the information provided here, plus read the content on the website. It is also highly suggested that you attend one of the information sessions hosted by the Department Chair.

You should exceed our minimum requirements to improve your chances of being admitted, due to the high number of qualified applicants.
Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must have completed a bachelor’s degree (BA or BS) from an accredited four-year institution by the end of the spring semester prior to entry. If you have taken courses in a non-accredited institution in or outside the U.S., these courses will not be accepted as equivalent to Hunter College courses, and will not be accepted as helping to meet the number of credits required for earning a bachelor’s degree or as counting toward our prerequisites. Even if another U.S. college accepts those credits, we will not. For example, if you have taken 30 credits abroad or in the U.S. within a non-accredited institution, these credits will not be accepted as meeting the minimum of 120 credits to have earned a bachelor’s degree, even if you were granted a bachelor’s degree by another college in the U.S. Be sure the credentials you are paying for are valid elsewhere.

Due to the increasing qualifications of our applicants, an undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 to 3.5 and above will increase your admission possibilities. If a course is repeated, both grades are used in GPA calculation.

2. Two semesters of Anatomy & Physiology* with lab (e.g., Anatomy & Physiology; Biol 120, 122)

3. Two semesters of physics* with lab (e.g., General Physics; Phys 110 & 120)

4. Two semesters of chemistry* with lab (e.g., Chem 102, 104 & 106 (which is lab for Chem 102 & 104)

* Minimum 4 credits per semester (including lab)

5. One semester of college level mathematics (e.g., College Algebra and Trigonometry, or Math 125, PreCalculus. If you are taking precalculus at Hunter, you may email [nmoy@hunter.cuny.edu] to request registering for MATH 125 without the MATH 126 corequisite.)

6. Two semesters of psychology. We recommend, but do not require, one semester of developmental or child psychology.

7. One semester of statistics (e.g., Stat. 113 or Statistics for Psychology majors)

8. One semester of English composition (e.g., Eng 120 (Expository Writing) or its equivalent (a course described as writing intensive).


OR Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification by the Red Cross (212-787-1000, www.nyredcross.org). An advantage of taking CPR through the American Heart Association is renewal every two years, not annually. You must submit a copy of your CPR card to the Physical Therapy Program at the address above.

10. Two on-line letters of recommendation. We suggest at least one be written by a physical therapist. Formal letters of recommendation attached to a completed clinical experience form will be considered one letter of recommendation plus documentation required of the clinical experience. The online application process requires LOR’s be submitted electronically (on-line) and requires you type in the email address for those you will list as recommenders. Include an email address for each recommender even if you are submitting a printed LOR. Your application will be considered incomplete without these email addresses being inserted.

11. Documented clinical experience of at least 100 hours in the United States under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, with a minimum of 50 hours in a hospital-based or rehabilitation setting. See documented experience for additional information on submitting a Clinical Experience requirement. You cannot complete all of your clinical experience in a private practice! The most common error made by applicants is not fully meeting this requirement by November 1st.

12. Filing of the Hunter College Graduate Admissions Online Application. The online application becomes available approximately August 15th. You can use this link to access the application: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions.

Use the Fall tab for applying. There is no tab for programs that begin in the summer. The deadline for all application materials is NOVEMBER 1ST including transcripts and all clinical experience form(s). Apply early! Payment of the application fee is required.

13. The new (2012) GRE is required and scores must be forwarded to the Hunter College Graduate Admissions Office (Code # 2301). We do not accept scores from the previous version of the GRE (before the Fall of 2012). If you are first taking the exam this fall, be sure to indicate when you have taken the GRE’s and be sure we get the scores sent to the Admissions Office ASAP. We do not have a specific cutoff score for being considered for admission. For information on the GRE, go to www.gre.org

14. Applicants invited for interviews will write an essay about a topic chosen by the DPT faculty on the day of the interview.

15. The TOEFL examination is required for applicants who have not earned a bachelor’s degree in an English-speaking country. We expect a score of at least 550 on the paper based; 79-80 on the Internet based; and 213 on the computer-based examination. Contact the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey for information about taking this examination 609-771-7100 or www.toefl.org.
More Admission Information

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the program, which is based, by necessity, on the limitations of space and resources. The Hunter College Department of Physical Therapy is dedicated to equal opportunity for all applicants who meet admission requirements. Please read the section below which describes our acceptance process.

Admissions Procedures

The Graduate Admissions Office at Hunter College will open online applications on or about August 15 for the program that begins the following June.

The Hunter College Graduate online application, unofficial transcripts, clinical experience forms and online letters of recommendation have a November 1st deadline for submission.

Use the attached Applicant Checklist to guide you on meeting the admission requirements. We require you to submit to the DPT department a completed copy of this applicant checklist.

Documents submitted by eligible applicants will be reviewed for GPA, completion of prerequisites, clinical experience and other relevant experience in health care to identify those eligible for interviews.

An interview is required with faculty of the Hunter College Department of Physical Therapy. Subsequent to the interview, a standardized scoring form is used to evaluate each applicant, based on GPA, TOEFL scores, clinical experience, essay quality, and interview scores.

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Acceptance to the Program

Our enrollment is capped at thirty-two students per year. (Yes, we increased from 28). To achieve this goal, we typically offer seats to approximately 40 highly qualified applicants. If you meet our requirements, we urge you to apply. Please note that an interview is a meaningful component of the admissions procedure, and therefore overall GPA is not the sole factor for acceptance. If you have questions regarding your qualifications, or need to speak with an advisor, please contact the Physical Therapy office. Applicants will be contacted by the Department of Physical Therapy regarding scheduling of an interview. We will request official transcripts of applicants we plan on admitting to verify the records you previously submitted.

The bachelor’s degree requirement for entry is based upon the CAPTE criteria which mandates that physical therapy programs are “...built on a balance of course work in social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, which is appropriate in depth and breadth, to develop the ability in students to think independently, to weight values, to understand fundamental theory, and to develop skill for clinical practice, including critical thinking and communication.”
Clinical Experience Requirements

Documented clinical experience of a minimum 100 hours under supervision of a licensed physical therapist in the United States is required before applying to the program; (minimum of 50 hours must be in a hospital based or rehabilitation setting). Inquire at any hospital about volunteering in their Physical Therapy Department to gain this clinical experience.

The Clinical Experience Form (see attached) documenting completion of the 100 hours must be received by the Department of Physical Therapy NO LATER THAN November 1st.

The clinical experience must be obtained with a licensed Physical Therapist in a Physical Therapy Department and completed by the same therapist. Foreign trained physical therapists, or individuals obtaining clinical experience outside the U.S., should refer to the section below for International Students.

Clinical Experience Forms: At the end of this packet you will find your Clinical Experience Form. Be sure to read the instructions for meeting this requirement. It must be submitted by November 1st and be completed by the physical therapist.

The therapist completing this form may attach a letter of recommendation to the form in addition to completing the form. This will count as one of two required letters of recommendation. If it is not possible to forward a clinical experience form, we will accept a letter (from the physical therapist), stating your accumulated number of clinical experience hours, type of facility, the physical therapist’s impression according to criteria on the Clinical Experience Form.

The Hunter College DPT faculty supports the philosophy of an internationally renowned physical therapist, Florence Kendall, PT, FAPTA. In presenting the second annual John HP Maley Lecture during the 1997 APTA Scientific Meeting and Exposition, she discussed the need for evidence-based (scientifically-based) practice and indicated that one of the most innovative ways for educational programs to lead the way is to get back to basics. “The basics are the foundation from which all innovations should develop and are essential for further learning and discovery.”


Physical Therapy Curriculum

The purpose of the Doctorate in Physical Therapy curriculum is to provide graduates with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in a physical therapy career. The design and content of this program is based upon detailed review of physical therapy practice, accreditation guidelines, and the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice. The Program is full time, during the days, and three calendar years in duration. Students enter in the summer semester only. Refer to the curriculum outlined on the next page for actual courses.

The curriculum has continuously evolved to provide graduates with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in a physical therapy career. The design and content of this program is based upon a detailed review of physical therapy practice, accreditation guidelines, and the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice. The Program is full time, during the days, and three calendar years in duration. Students enter in the summer semester only. Refer to the curriculum outlined on the next page for actual courses.

To review the course descriptions, please go to our web site www.hunter/cuny/edu/pt

The three-year curriculum for the Hunter College DPT degree is based upon the need for students to receive a strong foundation covering all aspects of Physical Therapy practice, followed by the attainment of advanced skills.

This graduate curriculum builds from such a basic foundation, beginning with a series of core courses for evaluation, treatment and clinical problem solving skills, followed by advanced clinical course work covering all areas of clinical practice. Hunter College PT faculty feels entry-level graduates need greater emphasis on clinical skills and critical inquiry of evidence with a foundation in research design and methodology.
While you are waiting to apply:

1. Submit your Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from Educational Testing Service to Hunter College #2301.

2. Obtain student versions of your transcripts or scan “official” transcripts of all the colleges you attended. You will be asked to upload electronic copies of these transcripts as you enter the names of all colleges/universities you attended.

3. Either you or the person supervising your clinical experience may submit your completed Clinical Experience Forms to: The Department of Physical Therapy, Hunter College, 425 East 25th Street, New York, NY 10010. If someone else is submitting the form on your behalf, it is often helpful to provide them with a stamped envelope printed with this address.

4. Prepare your prerequisite checklist for input into the Graduate Application at the time you apply and submit a completed version of this form to the Department of Physical Therapy.

5. If you have not studied in an English-speaking country, register for the TOEFL and submit scores to Hunter College Graduate Admissions.

Please note, your letters of reference (including letters not clinical experience forms) from supervising physical therapists will be uploaded by the person doing the referral through the online application process. Proof of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification will be requested if you are invited for an interview.

FAQ

Housing: The Residence Life office at the Brookdale Campus will assist students in seeking housing in the New York area. We do not have use of the housing on campus, which is limited to undergraduate students.

Financial Aid: Once you are accepted to the Physical Therapy Program, you may contact the Hunter College Financial Aid Office at 212-772-4820, or email them at faohc@hunter.cuny.edu. They can provide you with additional information. Students should file the FAFSA and request “Direct Loans”. There are no scholarships within the Physical Therapy program.

Retention Rates: The Physical Therapy faculty is dedicated to producing competent PT clinicians. Students who are having academic/financial/personal difficulties are assisted as much as possible. Our average graduation rate is over 95%.

More FAQ’s

Once You Are Accepted;
Letters of acceptance are usually mailed in February. An orientation for incoming PT students is usually scheduled for the middle of the spring semester. You will be notified of this orientation in a letter of acceptance mailed by the PT Department. Additional information on the curriculum, schedules, etc., will be provided at that time.

Criminal Background Checks:
Applicants to any professional program in which state licensing is required will be questioned about any previous arrest and/or conviction record. Clinic affiliation sites are also beginning to require criminal background checks prior to a student being approved for placement in a clinical internship at that site. Please be advised that your past record may prevent you from completing this or any professional program and/or may prevent you from being eligible for licensure in New York and other states.

One more FAQ

What type of bachelor’s degree should you get?
We do not want to drive your undergraduate education. You should pursue a bachelor’s degree (BA or BS) in a major that suits your interests and is related to healthcare. For example, degrees in Psychology, Nutrition and Food Science, Community Health Education, Exercise Physiology or Biology are all very acceptable undergraduate degrees.

Our philosophy is for you to obtain a marketable undergraduate degree in an area of interest. This degree, coupled with a DPT degree upon completion of our program, will give you excellent credentials for working in any area of Physical Therapy and health care in the future.
International Students and Foreign Trained Physical Therapists

International Students:
Translations and evaluation of transcripts from colleges outside the U.S. must be completed early in the application process. If you want assistance with reviewing your coursework taken outside the U.S. and have not yet submitted an admission application, you may contact the Graduate Admissions Office by email at gradadmissions@hunter.cuny.edu. The Admissions Office does not accept World Educational Services (WES) evaluations of transcripts.

Foreign Trained Physical Therapists:
If you are qualified to work as a physical therapist in another country, you may not need to apply to our program. Contact the N. Y. State Board of Physical Therapy to determine if your education allows you to take the National Physical Therapy Examination. You must hold a bachelor’s degree to be considered eligible. If you wish to become a licensed Physical Therapist in the U.S. then you must apply to an accredited physical therapy program. The Physical Therapy Program will require you to apply and enroll in the entire curriculum. We do not waive courses from other colleges or universities. You must also complete 100 hours of clinical experience in the United States, Canada, Australia, or England.

How to Get More Information

Evaluation of coursework completed at other colleges or universities:
Most students applying and admitted to our program have completed undergraduate course work outside the City University of New York system. Your best method to determine if a course you have taken or are planning on taking will meet our requirements is: First, ask your advisor or course instructor if the course will typically transfer to a four year college. Be sure it will not transfer as elective credits, but as an equivalent course at a four-year college. If you are taking a prerequisite course at a two-year college in the CUNY system, a course equivalency guide is available to you at: www.tipps.cuny.edu. Schools that use the trimester calendar award quarter hour credits for their courses. One-quarter credit equals 0.7 semester credits. Example: If your trigonometry course was 4-quarter credits then it is equal to 2.7 semesters’ credits, if the course was 5-quarter credits, then it is equal to 3.3 semesters credits. All AP credits listed on the college transcript are considered regular college credit.

 Applicant Advisement:
Please email the secretary (gradpt@hunter.cuny.edu) if you have specific questions. She will answer them or forward them to a faculty for a response. Our information sessions/open houses serve as general and specific advising. Most individuals who contact us have specific reasons for less than optimal GPA’s. You may describe any specific scenarios in your personal essay of the application.

Informational Session Dates:
The Program Director hosts an informational session every semester about the Program, prerequisites, the admissions process, and answers questions regarding entry into the Hunter College DPT Program and other New York State schools. Please call for the date and time of the next scheduled session or check our web site homepage for dates posted on the calendar. www.hunter.cuny.edu/pt.
# Physical Therapy DPT Curriculum – Hunter College

(Includes new course numbering effective Spring, 2016)

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Credits: 1st year: 40  
2nd year: 33  
3rd year: 32  
TOTAL CREDITS: 105

Summary of DPT Graduation Requirements

- Complete all required coursework as outlined in curriculum table with cumulative GPA at or above 3.0
- Two Professional Development Experiences (no credit) are required. This requirement can be fulfilled through participation in continuing education courses, attending American Physical Therapy Association state and national conferences, presentation of research at state and national conferences, completion of faculty-approved independent study, etc. Courses in different concentrations of PT are recommended.
- Present final project to the program faculty and students either orally or as a poster.
ALL APPLICANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AT HUNTER COLLEGE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE HAD PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN A PHYSICAL THERAPY SETTING IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION TO OUR PROGRAM. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY TO SELECT A HEALTH CARE FACILITY HAVING A PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICE, WHICH TREATS A VARIETY OF DISABILITY GROUPS AND AGES.

Your participation in the Physical Therapy Department can be either on a paid or voluntary basis. We require a minimum of 100 hours of exposure of which at least 50 hours are obtained in an acute care hospital or rehabilitation setting. A multi-disciplinary in-patient hospital type rehabilitation setting is considered acceptable toward these 50 hours as well. IF ALL YOUR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IS IN A PRIVATE PRACTICE, SCHOOL SETTING OR NURSING HOME - YOU WILL NOT MEET THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT. You must make your own arrangements for this experience.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE FROM THAT FACILITY.

ONLY ONE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM EACH FACILITY FOR THE APPLICANT.

ONE PAGE LETTERS SUBMITTED BY A VOLUNTEER OFFICE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED TO DOCUMENT CLINICAL HOURS. THEY DO NOT REPLACE A CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FORM FROM A PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

To verify your experience and to provide a reference for you, the opposite side of this sheet must be completed by a licensed Physical Therapist who observed your performance. He/she is to return the completed form to you in a sealed envelope with initials of person completing form on seal for inclusion into your self-managed application packet. Enter your name and address on the top of the form and sign the disclaimer before forwarding to the physical therapist. (I suggest you attach a post card to the clinical experience form, which we will then mail to you indicating receipt of the completed form.)

The absolute deadline for receipt of the Clinical Experience Forms is November 1st. Forms received after November 1st will delay your application being reviewed for eligibility for an interview.

You may photocopy this form if you require more than one form submitted from more than one facility.

Applicants, mail the completed form to:

Hunter College Department of Physical Therapy
425 East 25th Street
New York, NY 10010
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FORM
HUNTER COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

NAME: __________________________ ADDRESS: ________________________________

DO NOT INCLUDE SS# ______________________________________________________

I do ___ do not ____ waive all rights to see or review the reference submitted by ______________________________.

Signature: ______________________________________________________________

TO: CLINICAL PHYSICAL THERAPIST:

The above named person is applying for admission to the Department of Physical Therapy of Hunter College of CUNY. We require each applicant to have had a minimum of 100 hours exposure to the profession through volunteer or paid work. We would greatly appreciate your impressions of this person’s performance in your clinical setting. We are grateful for your input and assure you that the information will be kept confidential if the above waiver is signed. An incomplete form is not acceptable and may deny admission.

The above:

_____ Visited for Observation Only...Date(s) ______________________________

_____ Worked or Volunteered (please circle one) from _____________ to _____________

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS: __________

Experiences: __________________________

Please rate the applicant’s on the following:

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COMMENTS: __________________________________________________________________________

SUPERVISOR’S NAME: (PRINT) ___________________________________ TITLE: __________________

FACILITY NAME: __________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

TYPE OF FACILITY (CHECK ONE OR INDICATE): ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL ______

IN PATIENT REHAB SETTING __________ OUT PATIENT REHAB SETTING __________

PRIVATE PRACTICE ______ OTHER: __________________________________________

SUPERVISOR’S SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: __________________

Return to Applicant in a sealed envelope with initials of person completing form on seal.

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1ST
### Applicant Prerequisite Checklist

**Applicant Name:** _____________________________________________________

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**Graduate Record Exam (GRE) - Scores must be sent to Hunter College, CUNY, Code 2301. Please write in scores →**

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CPR certification

If completed, submit copy of certificate

+Acute Care or Rehab. Clinical Experience – list location and if clinical experience form has been submitted.

2ND Clinical Experience (optional) #

List location and if form has been submitted.

Letter of Recommendation submitted by:

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* If lecture class is under four credits, then lab must be listed separately on transcript.
* + Minimum of 50 hours in acute care or rehab setting is required
# If less than 100 hours in acute care or rehab setting, a second clinical experience is required.

File: Applicant Checklist