

Neumann University
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Fact Sheet
Fall 2018

Accreditation Information

The Physical Therapy Program at Neumann 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: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 610-558-5534 or email PTDept@neumann.edu.

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 2018 is 96.3%.**
- **Aggregate pass rate for class years 2016-2017 is 98%.**
- **Graduation rates for class years 2017-2018 is 91.4%.**
- **100% of all licensed graduates (class years 2016-2017) 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 \$98,000 (tuition, books and one-time lab fee of \$500, \$60 (approximate) background check fee years 2 & 3)

Courses

- Classes will be held at Neumann University in the Health Sciences Center at the Rocco Abessinio Building 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.
- All but one courses are on-campus, in-person instruction. Only the Health Policy Topics is fully on-line. 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 35 new students are enrolled per year
- Average GPA of class recently admitted in 2018 is 3.33
- Average pre-requisite GPA of class recently admitted in 2018 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 15-20 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 2018 is 42%.
- Matriculation rate of class entering May 2018 is 71% (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 outpatient and inpatient settings (may include specialty area or home care). Experiences cover all levels of patient acuity and across the lifespan with conditions and diseases involving all body systems commonly encountered by physical therapists.
- 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