

**Neumann University**  
**Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**  
Fact Sheet  
2024

**Accreditation Information:**

The Doctor of 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.

**The Program is accredited through December 31, 2033.**

**Program Outcomes:**

- **NPTE first time pass rate for the Classes of 2020 through 2023 is 83%.**
- **Ultimate pass rate (including retakes) for the Classes of 2020 through 2022 is 99%.**
- **Graduation rate for the Classes of 2020 through 2023 is 88%.**
- **99% of all licensed graduates from the Classes of 2020 through 2022 who responded to our survey or 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 7 or 8AM to 5 or 6PM, Saturday and Sunday. Actual hours may vary depending on the term. Students must be flexible during program weekends.
- **Exceptions to the weekend format:**
  - The Spring semester of the second year (January to March) and the Spring semester of the third year (January to May) are when the Clinical Education courses and the 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. These cannot be scheduled on the weekends.
  - PT619 – Clinical Reasoning I and PT719 – Clinical Reasoning II are 1 credit courses that occur in the Fall semester of the second and third years respectively. Each course includes a Comprehensive Examination that is typically held on the first Friday of the beginning of the Fall semester of the second and third years. In addition, each course includes a patient simulation that typically takes place on one or two Fridays in September of the Fall semester.
  - The Research Symposium allows presentation of the third year research projects and is attended by all faculty and students. This is typically held on the first Friday of December during the Fall semester.

## Costs

- Present estimated cost of program: approximately \$94,050 for tuition
- Typical fees are \$145 each year, plus a one-time \$500 anatomy lab fee for a total of \$935.
- Books and other expenses including clearance checks for clinical education and travel expenses to and from clinical affiliations is another \$5500.
- Total cost of program is \$100,485.

## Courses

- Classes are held at Neumann University in the Health Sciences Center at the Rocco Abessinio Building and the Bachmann Main Building, with the exception of Gross Anatomy in the first semester (Summer semester). This course is held at Thomas Jefferson University. Occasional course-specific, local clinic visits and off-site service-learning projects may be required. Directions to off-site locations will be provided.
- All courses are on-campus, in-person instruction, except for Health Policy Topics which is a hybrid course. All courses are supported through Canvas.
- 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:

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## **Students/Graduates**

- A maximum of 35 new students are enrolled per year.
- Average undergraduate GPA of class recently admitted in 2023 (Class of 2026) was 3.316.
- Average pre-requisite GPA of class recently admitted in 2023 was 3.341.
- Average GRE score of class recently admitted in 2023 was 151 verbal and 153 quantitative and 4.0 analytical.
- All accepted students have met prerequisite coursework consisting of a bachelor's degree and stated prerequisites. 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. There are no restrictions on hours worked during the week. However, students often find it necessary to reduce hours to devote appropriate time to their studies. Surveys of are past students indicate that the average amount of time spent working is 25-30 hours/week.
- Working during clinical experiences is against program recommendations.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required prior to attending clinical affiliations, for progression in the program, and for graduation.
- Students must pass program comprehensive examinations with a minimum score of 70%. The comprehensive examinations are associated with PT619 – Clinical Reasoning I (Fall, year 2) and PT719 – Clinical Reasoning II (Fall, year 3).
- Acceptance rate for the class entering May 2023 is 47.93% (based on number of completed applications).
- Matriculation rate of class entering May 2023 is 60.34% (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 700 clinical affiliation sites. Potential new sites may be presented to the Directors of Clinical Education (DCEs) 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 and quickly reached via email or by phone.