

Neumann University
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Fact Sheet
Fall 2024/Spring 2025

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.

Program Outcomes:

- **NPTE first time pass rate for the Class of 2023 is 62.5% and for the Class of 2024 is 75.8%.**
- **Aggregate pass rate (includes retakes) for the Class of 2022 is 96.8% and for the Class of 2023 is 96.9%. Aggregate pass rate for the Class of 2024 is yet to be determined.**
- **Graduation rate for the Class of 2023 is 91.4% and for the Class of 2024 is 94.3%.**
- **100% of all licensed graduates from the Class of 2023 and the Class of 2024 who responded to our survey or were otherwise contacted are employed as physical therapists.**

Program Schedule

- The DPT Program at Neumann University is unique in that **course content is delivered on the weekends.**
- **The Program is three years.** Each year consists of three semesters, which each contain eleven weekends per semester.
- A tentative 3-year calendar of program weekends is provided upon entry into the program.
- The Program is not a hybrid or online program. It is a fully in-person program in which the course content is delivered on the weekends.
- The Program is a total of 95 credits. Although offered in the weekend format, the program is **full-time.**
- Program weekends generally run 7 or 8 AM to 5 or 6 PM, Saturday and Sunday. Actual hours may vary depending on the semester. Students must be flexible during program weekends.

Exceptions to the Weekend Format

- There are three Clinical Education courses. 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 any 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 begins with a Comprehensive Examination that is typically held on the first Friday of the week prior to the beginning of the Fall semester of the second and third years. In addition, PT619 – Clinical Reasoning I includes patient simulations that typically take place on two Fridays in September and/or October of the Fall semester of the second year. PT719 – Clinical Reasoning II includes patient simulations that take place on the Saturday and Sunday after the Comprehensive Examination.
- 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 tuition cost for the program is \$10,817.00 per semester or \$97,353.00 for the entire three years.
- Additional fees include the following and total to \$1700.00:
 - \$145.00 annual institution fee for a total of 435.00
 - \$500.00 lab fee for Gross Anatomy
 - \$40.00 equipment fee for Fundamental PT Skills
 - \$49.99 fee for IRB certification
 - \$85.00 per year for APTA membership for a total of \$255.00
 - \$100 for background checks and drug screens for Clinical Education during the 2nd and 3rd years for a total of \$200.
 - \$37.00 per year for Exxat enrollment for a total of \$110.00
 - \$110 graduation fee.

- Books and travel expenses to and from classes, Gross Anatomy at Thomas Jefferson, and clinical affiliations is an estimated \$4000.
- Total cost of program including tuition and fees and excluding books and travel is \$99,053.00.

Courses

- Classes are held at Neumann University in the Health Sciences Center at the Rocco Abessinio Building (RAB) and the Bachmann Main Building (BMB), 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 2024 (Class of 2027) was 3.343.
- Average pre-requisite GPA of class recently admitted in 2024 was 3.307.
- Average GRE score of class recently admitted in 2024 was 146 verbal and 147 quantitative and 3.5 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 our past students indicate that the average amount of time spent working is 25-30 hours/week. Flexibility with your work schedule is very helpful.
- A GPA of 3.00 is required to allow progression through the program. A student whose GPA falls below 3.00 is placed on probation. The student must achieve a GPA of 3.00 or better prior to attending clinical affiliations 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 2024 is 47.93% (based on number of completed applications).
- Matriculation rate of class entering May 2024 is 60.34% (based on number of accepted applicants)

Communication

- Computer access with email is required.

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.

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