Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Admissions Checklist

Important:
The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at DeSales 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.

Checklist for applicants seeking admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program:
☐ Completed Application for Admission.
☐ Submission of a non-refundable $50 application processing fee. An application fee waiver code will be provided to those individuals that attend a Doctor of Physical Therapy program information session.
☐ Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate course work from all institutions previously attended. (To be considered official, transcripts must have the college or university seal and be sent directly to the DPT Program, DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034 from each institution the applicant attended.)
☐ Submission of completed Prerequisite Coursework form. Recommended minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a recommended minimum GPA of 3.2 in math/science prerequisite courses. No grade below “C” and no more than one retake on any prerequisite course. Prerequisite coursework GPA will be calculated to include all occurrences, including retakes, of all required prerequisite courses.
☐ Submission of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores – recommended minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 300. DeSales University’s institutional reporting code is 002021.
☐ Indicate understanding of and ability to meet all Technical Standards and Essential Functions required of physical therapy practice by signing and dating the acknowledgement form.
☐ Cover letter/essay – On a separate page please submit a typed 500 word essay detailing your interest in the field of physical therapy, including a description of academic, employment and volunteer experiences related to the field.
☐ Submission of completed and signed Verification of Physical Therapy Clinical Observation form verifying a minimum of 40 observation/volunteer/internship/employment hours at a single physical therapy facility is required. Additional observation hours in a variety of physical therapy practice settings is highly recommended (i.e. acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, geriatrics, pediatrics, home health care, sports medicine). All forms should be submitted directly to the DPT Program by the licensed physical therapists that complete them and not submitted by the applicant.
☐ Submission of a minimum of two Applicant Recommendation forms completed by non-relative professional individuals, including, but not limited to, professors, employers and coaches, and excluding the licensed physical therapist(s) with whom clinical observation was performed. All forms should be submitted directly to the DPT Program by the individuals that complete them and not submitted by the applicant.

Please note that all applicants considered for acceptance into the DPT Program will be required to participate in an on-campus interview with DPT faculty prior to any admission decision. Visit www.desales.edu/dpt for downloadable versions of all supplemental documents.