Advancement to the Graduate DPT Program (DPT Classes of 2018, 2019 & 2020 onward)

In order to progress into the graduate DPT Program in the spring semester of the student’s senior year, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- Completion of all requirements for baccalaureate degree by the end of the fall semester of the student’s senior year.
- Completion of required pre-requisite courses with a grade of at least C for each course. (C minus is not acceptable.)
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Note: cumulative GPA can be below 3.0 during undergraduate study, as long as it is at least 3.0 upon finishing the undergraduate program.
- Exposure to and exploration of physical therapy as demonstrated by documented paid or volunteer experience of 50 or more hours in at least two different facilities or a minimum of one year’s full-time professional experience within the health care system.
- Medical terminology competency.

Additional requirements specific to the prerequisite Natural Science courses (CHM 104 General Chemistry, CHM 105 Introduction to Organic & Biochemistry, BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 212 Anatomy & Physiology II, PHY 117 Introductory Physics I, and PHY 118 Introductory Physics II, or their equivalents):

- The student may have no more than one grade of C for the prerequisite Natural Science courses.
- The student may repeat no more than one prerequisite Natural Science course.
- Any grades earned in Natural Science courses taken for transfer credit are included in the academic requirements. If the student has taken a Natural Science course for transfer credit, the student must submit an official transcript to the Physical Therapy Department in addition to the one submitted to the Registrar by the end of November of the student’s senior year.

A pre-DPT student with a record of university disciplinary or academic integrity sanction may be denied advancement to the DPT program. A student with a record of sanction may petition the Physical Therapy faculty for consideration of advancement, but the petition does not guarantee admission. Students with a record of sanction who choose not to petition will automatically be denied advancement to the DPT program.

If a pre-DPT student fails to meet the criteria to advance into the DPT program by the scheduled beginning of spring semester of his or her senior year, his or her space in the DPT program will not be guaranteed. He or she will be required to submit a request to the Physical Therapy Department Admissions Committee for admission as an internal transfer into the DPT program. At this point, the student’s admission into the professional curriculum is on a space-available basis.