

## **Advancement to the Graduate DPT Program: DPT Class of 2024**

DPT entry is guaranteed to 50 rising undergraduate students. Program attrition for pre-DPT students typically allows for all students meeting program progression requirements to access graduate level slots in the DPT program. However, in the unlikely occurrence that more than 50 students meet the progression criteria, the top 50 as ranked by cumulative Misericordia University undergraduate grade point average (GPA) will be selected.

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 prerequisite courses with a grade of **C or above** for each course. (**C minus** is not an acceptable grade.)
- Cumulative GPA of at least **3.2**. Note: cumulative GPA can be below 3.2 during undergraduate study, as long as it is at least 3.2 upon finishing the undergraduate program. There is no rounding for cumulative GPA.
- **DPT Prerequisite Natural Science GPA of at least 3.0**. Note: Natural Science GPA can be below 3.0 during undergraduate study, as long as it is at least 3.0 upon finishing the undergraduate program. (DPT prerequisite Natural Science GPA is calculated from grades in 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 repeat **no more than one** DPT prerequisite Natural Science course.
  - Any grades earned in DPT prerequisite Natural Science course for transfer credit are included in the academic requirements. If the student has taken a Natural Science prerequisite 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.
- 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. (See "Pre-DPT Observation Hours" for more information.)
- Medical terminology competency.
- Pre-Academic Health Clearance Form

The student must provide documentation of the above criteria to the Physical Therapy Department by the stated due date (usually in early December of the student's senior year.) If the Physical Therapy Department does not receive documentation of all progression criteria by the stated due date, the student will not be permitted to attend DPT classes and the student's guarantee of progression into the graduate DPT program will be rescinded.

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.

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, the student's space in the DPT program will not be guaranteed. The student will be required to submit a request to the Physical Therapy Department Graduate Admissions Committee for admission into the graduate DPT program. At this point, the student's admission into the graduate DPT program is on a space-available basis.