

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

I have read and understand the Criteria for Progression to the Professional Physical Therapy Program.

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (Please Print)

Address

Phone & Email

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The following academic standards (including policies for course repetitions) are required of all potential candidates who apply for qualification to the professional phase of the program.

1. An overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better.
2. A minimum grade of "C" AND a grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better in the specified science courses listed below.
 - a. General Biology I & II Lecture and Lab: BIO 109 & BIO 109L and BIO 110 & BIO 110L
 - b. General Anatomy Lecture and Lab: BIO 330 & BIO 330L
 - c. General Physiology Lecture and Lab: BIO 340 & BIO 340L
 - d. Chemistry I & II Lecture and Lab: CHE 110 & CHE 110L and CHE 111 & CHE 111L
 - e. Bio Organic Chemistry Lecture: BCH 317
 - f. Physics I & II Lecture and Lab: PHY 101 & PHY 101L and PHY 102 & PHY 102L
3. A minimum grade of "C" in CMP 101 and CMP 315 - Composition, PSY 103 – Introduction to Psychology, MTH 134 - Precalculus, PT 101 and PT 201 – Freshman and Sophomore Seminars in Physical Therapy, and PT 312 - Principles of Teaching & Learning.
4. For qualification purposes, transfer coursework will be computed into both the pre-professional science GPA and the overall GPA for application into the professional phase of the program. In calculating the pre-professional science GPA, the transfer grade is accepted and Daemen's credit and quality point systems are utilized.

COURSE REPETITIONS

1. Any required science course (Item #2a-f above) may be repeated once. Students will be limited to repeat no more than a total of three (3) science courses. When repeating these courses a grade of "C" or better must be achieved. The count of course repeats includes all required pre-professional science courses taken at Daemen College as well as courses taken at other institutions and accepted for transfer as equivalent to a pre-professional science course.
2. If a pre-professional course is repeated and a grade of "C" or better is not achieved, the applicant is immediately disqualified from applying to the professional phase of the program.
3. A student who earns a grade below "C" in any science course (Item #2a-f above) taken at Daemen College must repeat that course at Daemen College.

FIELD WORK

1. Documentation of completion of at least 120 hours of clinical exposure, through one of the following prior to application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, is required of all potential candidates (a minimum of 40 of these hours MUST be performed in an in-patient hospital or extended care facility):
 - a. Volunteer work in a physical therapy department.
 - b. A Cooperative Education experience in a physical therapy department.
 - c. Employment in a physical therapy department.
2. At the time of application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, students must submit documentation of these hours to the Physical Therapy Department.

REFERENCES

At the time of application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, students must submit the following:

1. Two character references (one must be from a physical therapist).
2. Biographical sketch

APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Application or reapplication for qualification to the professional phase of the program must be made to Daemen College's Physical Therapy Department on or by a date to be announced annually by the Physical Therapy Department and reviewed at the first spring departmental meeting (consult the spring academic calendar). Applications submitted in prior years will not be considered. Students wishing to be considered in a given year must resubmit an application.
2. Students applying for qualification to the professional phase of the program must complete the requirements stipulated within this document by the close of the spring semester prior to entrance into the professional phase of the program. Official transcripts are required for any transfer course work completed in fulfillment of pre-professional phase requirements. These transcripts must be issued directly to the Registrar's Office at Daemen College by the Records office of the institution at which the transfer course work is completed
3. Students are required to satisfactorily complete the liberal arts core requirements including all pre-professional coursework by the close of the spring semester prior to entrance into the professional phase of the program.
4. Students entering the professional phase of the Physical Therapy Program at Daemen College must be on schedule to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree by the end of the first year of the professional phase of the program.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Bachelor of Science in Natural Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS, NS/DPT) section of the Physical Therapy Department website provides all program admissions and progression enrollment related policies.

Students in their last pre-professional semester, are advised against completing course work at other institutions as potential transfer credit because possible delays in receiving official transcripts from the other colleges can postpone the student's acceptance into the professional phase of the program.

DAEMEN COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY CURRICULUM AND/OR THE PROFESSIONAL PHASE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS IF CHANGED OR AMENDED BY DAEMEN COLLEGE.

WHITE – ADMISSIONS OFFICE (STUDENT'S FILE) YELLOW – PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT PINK – STUDENT