

DAEMEN COLLEGE • 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226-3592  
**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

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

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Student Signature

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Date

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Address

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Phone & Email

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES/DOCUMENTATION**

1. Application or reapplication for the professional 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 (consult the spring academic calendar). ACTIVE APPLICATIONS (an application for that particular year's admission) are the only acceptable applications, i.e., applications submitted in prior years are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
2. Students applying for progression to the professional program must complete the requirements stipulated below by the due date for the submission of grades for pre-professional physical therapy majors (consult the spring academic calendar and, for summer course work, consult the summer calendar). Official transcripts (issued directly to Daemen College's Registrar's Office by the Records office of the institution at which the transfer course work is completed) are required for any transfer course work completed in fulfillment of pre-professional phase requirements.
3. Students are required to satisfactorily complete the liberal arts core requirements including all pre-professional coursework prior to entrance into the professional program.
4. Students entering Daemen College beginning in 2001 must have completed requirements for a baccalaureate degree by the end of the first year of the professional program.
5. In order to maintain Physical Therapy major designation, and associated status for professional program admissions ranking, freshmen must COMPLETE a full-time course load throughout their freshman academic year.

PLEASE NOTE: Natural Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy students in their last pre-professional term, 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 program.

**GRADE/QPA REQUIREMENTS**

1. An overall cumulative quality point average (QPA) of 2.8 or better.
2. A minimum grade of "C" AND a quality point average (QPA) of 2.8 or better in the specified science courses listed below.
  - a. BIO 109 & 109L & 110 & 110L – General Biology I & II Lecture and Lab
  - b. BIO 330 & 330L – General Anatomy Lecture and Lab
  - c. BIO 340 & 340L – Human Physiology Lecture and Lab
  - d. CHE 110 & 110L & 111 & 111L – Chemistry I & II Lecture and Lab
  - e. BCH 317 – Bio Organic Chemistry Lecture
  - f. PHY 101 & 101L & 102 & 102L – Physics I & II Lecture and Lab
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 - Seminars in PT, and PT 312 - Principles of Teaching & Learning.
4. A minimum of a 2.8 overall QPA in prerequisite courses taken in residence; including a 2.8 QPA in prerequisite science courses taken at Daemen College.
5. Transfer grades for accepted course work will be computed into both the pre-professional science QPA and the overall QPA for application into the professional program. In calculating the pre-professional science QPA, the transfer grade is accepted but Daemen's credit and quality point systems are utilized.

**COURSE REPETITIONS**

1. Any required science course (Item #2) 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 as well as courses taken at other institutions and accepted for transfer as equivalent to a pre-professional science course.
  - a. If a pre-professional course is repeated and a grade of "C" or better is not obtained, the applicant is immediately disqualified from applying to the professional program.
  - b. If professional program courses, including BIO 541/541L, BIO 542/542L or PSY 530, are repeated prior to admission to the professional phase of the physical therapy program and a grade of "C" or better is not obtained, the applicant is immediately disqualified.
  - c. If a professional program course is taken in the pre-professional phase, the grade for this course will be factored into the professional program academic criteria as soon as the person enters the professional program.
2. A student who earns a grade below "C" in any science course taken at Daemen College must repeat that course at Daemen College.

**FIELD WORK/REFERENCES**

1. Documentation of completion of at least 120 hours of clinical exposure, through one of the following prior to application, will be required of all potential candidates (a minimum of 40 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. Two character references (one must be from a physical therapist).
3. Biographical sketch

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

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