



## Physical Therapy

### Degree Offered:

Students can earn a Bachelor's degree in Natural Science (BS, NS – Health Science Specialization and Biology minor) at the completion of 4 years and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (DPT) at the completion of 6 years.

The Physical Therapy Department at Daemen College will prepare students to become knowledgeable, skilled, and reflective physical therapists who are committed to serving the healthcare needs of a diverse society and to lifelong professional growth. This maturation will occur through contemporary physical therapy professional courses grounded in the humanities, and natural and social science curriculum.

### Our History:

- Our physical therapy program has maintained continuous accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education since its beginning in 1974 with ultimate pass rates on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) at or above both New York state and national averages.
- Daemen College is the first small liberal arts college in New York State accredited to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree.
- In over 40 years of physical therapy education experience we have graduated more than 3,500 physical therapists.

### Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) at Daemen:

- The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program offers the first professional degree and prepares students to sit for the licensure examination and enter the profession of physical therapy as a new graduate.
  - Students may apply to the BS in Natural Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS,NS/DPT) program as freshmen or transfers.
  - Students possessing a baccalaureate degree may apply to the direct entry Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.
- Students have access to a variety of clinical experiences – local, national and international – at over 500 clinical sites.
- Students are trained by experts in the field. All core faculty teach, practice, and conduct research in their area of specialty, including: orthopedics, pediatrics, geriatrics, tissue mechanics, sports medicine, vestibular, and wound healing.
- Students engage in faculty mentored clinical-based research for over a year which culminates in a poster presentation at Academic Festival and a platform presentation at a Research Symposium.
- The PT curriculum offers courses that are threaded together to provide a rich education in the class room, laboratory, and clinical setting in each of their professional phase semesters.

## Direct Entry Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Students with an earned baccalaureate degree (BS/BA) in a related field with a minimum overall and science GPA of 2.8 may apply to enter directly into the professional phase of the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. The professional program is comprised of both academic and clinical education including a variety of clinical experiences locally, nationally, and internationally. Students study with a dedicated faculty who teach, practice, and conduct research in a variety of areas including orthopaedics, pediatrics, geriatrics, tissue mechanics, vestibular, and wound healing.

For complete information on the Direct Entry DPT program please visit: [daemen.edu/physicaltherapy](http://daemen.edu/physicaltherapy)

*did you  
know...*

**Daemen Physical Therapy graduates are prepared.** All of our students complete 4, 9-week internships in physical therapy settings across the country and across practice areas such as pediatric rehab, adult neuro rehab, cardiopulmonary rehab, orthopaedic rehab, and integumentary care.

In addition, each student conducts clinical based research as a capstone project to complete their DPT under the advisement of a faculty member.

## Career Options:

Hospitals, outpatient clinics, private practice, rehabilitation centers, schools, athletic facilities, and more.



### Hannah Marvin, Physical Therapy

"I am thankful every day that I chose Daemen for my PT education. The faculty and other students in the program are available to help students succeed in not only the classroom but also in the clinic. The clinical education opportunities allow students to succeed, find careers, and make professional relationships. The size of the program allows for students to become a family and work together to all meet the same ultimate goal of becoming a physical therapist.

Throughout my years at Daemen, I have accessed coaches for success in classes, met with professors during office hours, and helped other students as a coach and teaching assistant. The small class sizes ensure that professors and students know each other, which is very unique to Daemen. I can confidently say that the PT department prepared me for clinicals more than I could have ever imagined. I was prepared not only with my PT skills but also my communication, documentation, and professional behaviors. The unique set-up of our curriculum sets students up for success in the clinic."

For information about the Physical Therapy program, contact Greg Ford PT DPT PhD OCS, Chair of the Physical Therapy Department, at 716.839.8345 or [gford@daemen.edu](mailto:gford@daemen.edu)

For information on Physical Therapy programs, clinical education, courses, faculty, students and graduates visit [daemen.edu/physicaltherapy](http://daemen.edu/physicaltherapy).