



Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Preferred Acceptance

The Doctor of Physical Therapy's (DPT) Preferred Acceptance process is available to all Brenau University undergraduate students who meet the requirements detailed below. Through the Preferred Acceptance process Brenau University students will receive preferential consideration when applying to Brenau's graduate Physical Therapy program. Candidates are required to apply for admission through PTCAS and Brenau University, before acceptance can be granted.

Preferred Admission Requirements (Note: these requirements are different than general admission requirements)

- Bachelor's degree from Brenau University. *Recommended degrees: Biology and Exercise Science*
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in college course work, and a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.5 (all attempts at prerequisite courses will be averaged).
- Successful completion (no grade below B) of all prerequisite courses by the end of the semester before starting the program.
- Minimum score of 146 in Verbal, 144 in quantitative, and 3.5 on analytical writing portion of the GRE test taken on or after August 1st, 2011. (All scores must be achieved on a single test).
- Volunteer in Brenau Rehabilitation Practice, Pro-Bono Clinic, and the Life Enrichment and Wellness Cooperative for a combined minimum of 40 hours total.
- Observation hours or volunteer experience divided at least between two different types of settings outside of Brenau Rehabilitation Practice, a minimum of 40 hours.
- Three letters of recommendations:
 - One from someone practicing in the field of Physical Therapy
 - One from someone who can speak to your academic ability
 - One from someone who can speak to your character
- Completed APTA essay.
- Maintains an active membership in Delta Rho Tau while enrolled at Brenau University
- Participate in an on-site interview with demonstration of: strong communication and interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills, and sufficient knowledge of the physical therapy profession.

Essential Abilities

In order to acquire the knowledge and skills to function independently in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care, candidates for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree must have abilities and skills in five areas: observation, communication, motor, conceptual (integrative and quantitative), and behavioral/social. Review [**DPT Essential Abilities \(PDF\)**](#) on the Brenau University website for details.

Prerequisite Courses

Courses more than seven years old will not be accepted

- Chemistry- General College Chemistry I and II with labs (Introductory Chemistry or Chemistry Calculation courses DO NOT fulfill this requirement)
- Physics- General College Physics I and II with labs
- Psychology- Two semesters of psychology including General Psychology and one additional psychology course. Suggested courses include Developmental Psychology, Child Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, or Psychology of Disability
- Statistics- One semester of Introductory Statistics
- Biology (One of the following three sequences should be met)
 - Two semesters of General Biology with labs (Botany courses are not acceptable) AND one semester of Human Physiology with lab (Exercise Physiology is not acceptable)

- One semester of General Biology with lab (Botany courses are not acceptable) AND two semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology with labs
- One semester of General Biology with lab (Botany courses are not acceptable), AND one semester of Anatomy with lab AND one semester of Human Physiology with lab (Exercise Physiology Is not acceptable)

General Application Instructions

- All applicants must complete the application via the Physical Therapy Centralized Application System (PTCAS) found at www.ptcas.org
- All supplemental items will be submitted through PTCAS. This includes:
 - An official transcript from each post-secondary school previously attended
 - Official GRE scores (send scores to GRE code 7557 to have them added to your PTCAS file) APTA Essay
 - Observation hours verification
 - Letters of recommendation
- Applicants must also complete the Brenau University graduate application found at www.brenau.edu/apply
- Students studying with an F1 visa must complete and submit the international student application packet found at www.brenau.edu/admissions/international/international-admissions

Financial Aid Procedures

While financial aid can only be awarded to students who have been officially admitted to the university, it is best to begin the process as soon as you apply for admission. You will be notified of your acceptance by official letter from the Office of Admissions.

To begin the financial aid process, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. If you are completing FAFSA on the Web for the first time, we recommend that you (and a parent if you are a dependent student) apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov prior to completing the FAFSA. With a PIN, you are able to electronically sign your application, make corrections after submitting the application, review your processed application data, and add other institutions to receive your application results. Brenau's school code is 001556.

Important Consumer Information

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) requires that postsecondary institutions participating in federal student aid programs make certain disclosures to students. In compliance with federal law, Brenau University discloses this information on our website at www.brenau.edu/disclosures. For additional information, including requesting a paper copy of any materials, please contact the appropriate offices.

Program Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Effective November 12, 2014, Brenau University has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates that the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses and that the program is progressing toward accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

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