

Herkimer College

Transfer Advising Guide

Physical Therapy

Physical Therapists work to improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit the permanent disability of patients suffering from injuries or disease. They evaluate an individual's ability level, plan and implement a program for treatment, and observe and assess a patient's progress as treatment progresses. Physical Therapists may choose to specialize in areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, orthopedics, sports medicine, neurology and cardiopulmonary physical therapy.

Degree: Most Physical Therapy programs offer a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT), which often requires a bachelor's degree for acceptance and an additional two to three years of study. Some programs are direct freshmen entry, with limited seats for transfer students. All states require Physical Therapists to pass a licensure exam after graduating from an accredited physical therapy educational program. **Note:** As of 2015 all accredited PT programs will be required to award the DPT.

Admission to Physical Therapy Programs: Criteria of importance for acceptance into physical therapy programs may include grade point average, recent work or documented volunteer experience in a direct patient care environment (a specific number of hours may be required), Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, a personal interview, and letters of recommendation. Ability to perform physical tasks may also be assessed. Colleges may have students apply online using the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) application: www.ptcas.org

Typical Minimum Prerequisite Courses for Physical Therapy Programs: One year of biology with laboratories; one year of physics with laboratories; one year of chemistry with laboratories; three semesters of psychology; one semester statistics; two semesters of anatomy and physiology; one year of English. Additional courses may be required by some programs. Examples of HCCC courses include:

EN 111/EN 112- English Composition & Intro to Lit.	SS 151 Intro to Psychology	SS 152 Dev. Psychology
SS 155 Abnormal Psychology	SC 253 & SC 254 Anatomy & Physiology I & II	MA 127 Statistics
SC 155 & SC 156 Biological Science I & II	SC 153 & SC 154 General Chemistry I & II	
	SC 133 & SC 134 College Physics I & II	

Please note that all courses listed above may not be required to be completed at Herkimer prior to transfer.

Prerequisite requirements vary: Research each institution for specific information and to verify course transferability (See <http://www.apta.org> for a chart with all prerequisites listed).

Colleges in New York State Offering an Accredited Program in Physical Therapy:

SUNY University at Buffalo	Hunter College (CUNY)	New York University
Clarkson University	Ithaca College	SUNY Downstate Medical Center
College of Staten Island (CUNY)	LIU- Brooklyn Campus	SUNY Stony Brook University
Columbia University	Mercy College	The Sage Colleges
D'Youville College	Nazareth College	Touro College
Daemen College	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY Upstate Medical University
Dominican College of Blauvelt	New York Medical College	Utica College

Additional Information:

USDL, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapist: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos080.htm>

American Physical Therapy Association: <http://www.apta.org>

Accredited Program Search-

http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=PT_PTA_Programs&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=276&ContentID=31096

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Please note: While every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to meet with the transfer counselor at HCCC to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and most up to date information. HCCC's Transfer Office is located in the Counseling Center RMCC-265. Phone: 315-866-0300, ext. 8308.