

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY

GUARANTEED ENTRY PROGRAM (GEP)

ODU DOCTOR of PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

This program is designed for highly qualified students attending Virginia Tech wishing to enter ODU's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program. Students who qualify with the requirements of this agreement will be guaranteed a position in the DPT Program at ODU to the class following completion of a baccalaureate degree.

- Planned graduation from Virginia Tech with a baccalaureate degree and a 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Have completed all prerequisite science courses at Virginia Tech (8 credits of biology with lab, 8 credits of anatomy and physiology with lab, 8 credits of physics with lab, and 8 credits of chemistry with lab)-- Advanced Placement courses from high school that are accepted by Virginia Tech will be accepted.
- Minimum grade of B in courses with a cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.5 or above. *Prerequisite courses are: 8 credits of biology with lab, 8 credits of anatomy and physiology with lab, 8 credits of physics with lab, and 8 credits of chemistry with lab, general psychology, and statistics.*
- Completed the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with scores of at least 150 each for verbal and quantitative sections, and a writing score of at least 4.
- Submit 3 letters of recommendation, with at least one from a physical therapist, and one from the HNFE/pre-PT advisor or advisory committee.
- Completed 40 hours of volunteer time in a physical therapy setting. These hours must be completed in two (2) or more different types of PT settings. At least twenty (20) hours must be in one or more of the following settings; acute care (hospital), rehab (transitional or day rehab), short or long term (nursing homes or assisted living), pediatrics, wound care specialty care centers, or home health. Volunteer hours must be under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Essay question #1: "Why are you interested in the DPT program at Old Dominion University?" (limited to 750 words)
- Essay question #2: answer the essay question provided to your advisor from the ODU admission committee (limited to 4500 characters)

The ODU DPT Admissions committee reserves the right to withdraw guaranteed entry on the basis of applicant character in the case of conviction, violation of honor code, disciplinary action by the University, or negative references.

This agreement will be honored through June, 2026.

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Application Procedures

Students meeting the requirements for guaranteed entry to ODU's DPT program should follow these procedures for application.

- By August/September of the application year, student will meet with his or her undergraduate advisor to notify them of the intention to apply to the GEP. The advisor can then check to make sure that requirements are met, and notify ODU's DPT Admission Directors to anticipate the application. **Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with their advisor as early as the freshman or beginning of the sophomore year to plan coursework to ensure GEP criteria are met by August/September of the senior year.**
- Complete ODU's online application for graduate school.
<http://www.odu.edu/admission/graduate> The application fee is \$50. GRE scores should be sent directly to ODU (CEE Code 005126).
- Please collect all application materials send **TOGETHER** in one large envelope the following materials directly to the DPT program at:
Program in Physical Therapy ATTN: Graduate Entry Program
Old Dominion University – Health Sciences 2 Building
1019 W 41st Street
Norfolk, VA 23508
 - Official Transcripts from Virginia Tech or any school attended other than Virginia Tech
 - The completed GEP application
 - Three letters of recommendation, including one from your undergraduate advisor or advisory committee recommending you for Guaranteed Entry, and one from a physical therapist.
 - Essays – questions provided by ODU Admissions Committee to the school advisor (this will be provided to the advisors by August 1 of each year)
 - Copy of official GRE scores (sealed) or sent directly to ODU Graduate Admissions.

The above materials are due to ODU by **September 15** for admission into the class starting the following June. GEP applicants will be notified of admissions status within 2-3 weeks. It is not necessary for you to apply through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS; www.ptcas.org). However, if you are not accepted in the GEP, you may still apply to ODU DPT through PTCAS; application deadline is the beginning of November. Questions about the ODU GEP can be sent to Dr. Beth Jamali; bjamali@odu.edu; (757) 683-4519.

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Address																				
E-mail																				
Phone																				
Race/Ethnicity (optional)																				
Military service? Yes____/No____ Branch/Rank:																				
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GRE scores V_____ Q_____ Analytical _____ If you took the GREs more than one time, please include all scores. Official GRE scores must be included in your application packet.																				
Volunteer Experiences (If you need more space; attach another sheet) # hours _____ Facility _____ Patient type _____ Therapist you worked with _____ Contact info for therapist and/or facility _____ # hours _____ Facility _____ Patient type _____ Therapist you worked with _____ Contact info for therapist and/or facility _____ # hours _____ Facility _____ Patient type _____ Therapist you worked with _____ Contact info for therapist and/or facility _____ # hours _____ Facility _____ Patient type _____ Therapist you worked with _____ Contact info for therapist and/or facility _____																				

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Reference Information: Please have references use the graduate recommendation form located on the ODU website and enclosed in a sealed envelope with signature across the seal. Submit all recommendations with your GEP application.

<http://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/offices/graduate-admissions/docs/recommendation-for-graduate-admissions.pdf>

1. Reference #1 – **Physical Therapist** _____

Facility name _____

Facility address & phone _____

Email: _____

Licensed PT? yes ____; no ____

Physical therapist institution graduated from: _____

State(s) in which licensed: _____

2. Reference #2 – **Undergraduate Program Advisor** _____

Address & phone _____

Email: _____

3. Reference #3 _____

Address & phone _____

Email: _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college or university for a conduct violation?

No _____ Yes _____

If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No _____ Yes _____

If yes, please explain.

I certify that I have read and understand the application instructions and all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

VA Tech Advisor Name (print) _____ Date _____

VA Tech Advisor Signature _____

Advisor Email _____ Phone _____

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ESSAY QUESTION #1: (limit to 750 words) Explain why are you interested in applying to the DPT program at Old Dominion University?

(PTCAS) ESSAY QUESTION #2: (limit to 4500 characters)

**Check with advisor in August for new PTCAS essay question. PTCAS Essay question subject to change each year.