



BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES/ DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

The Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program (3+3) with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS), College of Health Professions - Doctor of Physical Therapy is available to Pathways Honors students pursuing a BS in Health Sciences (BioScience). Following three (3) years of study at DePaul, if accepted, students will begin their DPT during their fourth (4th) year of study at RFUMS in North Chicago, IL. Once a student completes their fourth (4th) year at RFUMS, which is also their (1st) year of physical therapy school, the student will transfer courses back to DePaul and receive their Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences. The student will then continue their DPT education at RFUMS.

THE PROGRAM

The Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program through the Pathways Honors Program at DePaul University and RFUMS prepares students to:

- Adapt to the quickly changing healthcare system while continuing to provide outstanding services.
- Be prepared to promote prevention and wellness in practice.
- Be a skilled, ethical and professional physical therapist who is well qualified for contemporary, patient-centered, evidence-based, autonomous, interprofessional practice.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Outstanding faculty. DePaul's faculty are dedicated to student success, working to provide a high quality learning environment, academic and career advising along with co-curricular opportunities. The DePaul faculty and staff take pride in the range of degree programs and opportunities offered to our students. Our professional advisors, modern lab facilities, small class sizes, and engagement of students in research alongside dedicated faculty mentors distinguish a DePaul education. RFUMS faculty have been educating physical therapy leaders to deliver quality performance as a health care professional and to serve all members of the community and global society in a manner that is patient/client-centered, collaborative, interprofessional and future focused.

Accomplished peers. The mix of students at DePaul and RFUMS—with their different backgrounds and perspectives—creates an exciting learning environment that enriches everyone. Students form a network of peers who share similar educational goals, working together in a community of learning and scholarship.

Excellent resources. Clinical education in the DPT curriculum consists of four full-time clerkships in a variety of practice settings ranging from single-provider practices to large medical systems. Clerkships are designed to provide a range of supervised clinical practice experiences, and to apply, integrate and expand knowledge and skills acquired during the didactic curriculum. Clerkship affiliations are located throughout the country with the majority located in the Chicagoland area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit go.depaul.edu/PathwaysHonors, email pathwayshonors@depaul.edu or call (312) 362-8704.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

SAVE TIME.

Become a Doctor of Physical Therapy in six (6) years. Typically, it would take seven (7) years to complete a Bachelor of Science and a DPT.

SAVE MONEY.

By having courses that count towards both your Bachelor of Science and DPT, you will be saving a year of undergraduate tuition.

SKIP THE TEST.

Students who are accepted into the RFUMS DPR program through the Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Program have their GRE waived.

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	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	BIO 191 – General Biology CHE 130/131 or CHE 120/131 – General Chemistry I with Lab LSP 110 or 111 – Discover or Explore Chicago WRD 103 – Composition and Rhetoric I	BIO 192 – General Biology II CHE 132/133 – General Chemistry II with Lab LSP 112 – Focal Point Seminar WRD 104 – Composition and Rhetoric II	BIO 193 – General Biology III CHE 134/135 – General Chemistry III with lab Learning Domain – Arts and Literature HLTH 201 – Introduction to Health Sciences
YEAR 2	PHY 150 – General Physics I BIO 206 – Biostatistics LSP 200 – Seminar of Multiculturalism in the US HLTH 202 – Health Research Literacy **Learning Domain: Religious Dimensions Apply to the Pre-Health Advising Committee by October	PHY 151 – General Physics II HLTH 301 – Anatomy and Physiology A Learning Domain – Arts and Literature HLTH 210 – Introduction to Public Health **Learning Domain: Religious Dimensions	PHY 152 – General Physics III HLTH 302 – Anatomy and Physiology B Learning Domain – Social Cultural and Behavioral (PSY 105 or PSY 106) Learning Domain – Philosophical Inquiry **Experiential Learning Interview at RFUMS/Find out Decision
YEAR 3	BioScience Elective BIO 210 – Microbiology Learning Domain – Philosophical Inquiry (PHL 229) Learning Domain – Social Cultural and Behavioral (SOC 101) **Learning Domain: Historical Inquiry	BIO 250 – Cell Biology HLTH 350 – Senior Capstone Learning Domain – Social Cultural Behavioral Learning Domain – Arts and Literature **Learning Domain: Historical Inquiry	RFUMS – 1st Year Courses Start double-counted courses at RFUMS in May
YEAR 4	RFUMS – 1st Year Courses*	RFUMS – 1st Year Courses*	RFUMS – 1st Year Courses* Transfer courses back to DePaul DePaul Graduation with a BS in Health Sciences

**These courses may be fulfilled by AP credits or may be taken over the summer at a local community college after 1st or 2nd year. DePaul students are charged per credit hour tuition for each quarter hour beyond 18 quarter hours per term. For more details, schedule an appointment with your Pathways Honors academic advisor.

*RFUMS 1st Year Courses:

HIPS 515A & B – Foundations of Interprofessional Practice (2 cr.)
HPAS 551 – Leadership in the Healthcare Environment
HPTH 618 – Orientation to Physical Therapy (3 cr.)
HPTH 619 – Principles of Education (1 cr.)
HPTH 620 – Clinical Skills I (5 cr.)
HPTH 622 – Critical Inquiry I (4 cr.)
HPTH 623 – Practice Issues I (1 cr.)
HPTH 630 – Clinical Skills II (3 cr.)

HPTH 631 – Clinical Skills III (3 cr.)
HPTH 634 – Orthopedic Clinical Medicine (3 cr.)
HPTH 635 – Kinesiology/Motor Control I (3 cr.)
HPTH 636 – Kinesiology/Motor Control II (4 cr.)
HPTH 640 – Clinical Skills IV (5 cr.)
HPTH 642 – Critical Inquiry II (3 cr.)
HPTH 643 – Practice Issues II (3 cr.)
HPTH 644 – Neurological Clinical Medicine and Pharmacology (3 cr.)

HPTH 645 – Clinical Physiology (6 cr.)
HPTH 646 – Fundamentals of Physiology (4 cr.)
MCBA 501 – Clinical Anatomy (10 cr.)
PBBS 504 – Neuroscience (5 cr.)

† **Sample of curricula at DePaul and RFUMS courses are subject to change at any time.**

Curriculum

Years 1 through 3: Complete your liberal studies and BS in Health Sciences requirements, including the prerequisite courses for the DPT. The DPT program begins in late May and may require summer courses. Apply via DePaul's Pre-Health Advising Committee and complete an interview with the RFUMS College of Health Professions faculty and staff.

Year 4: Attend RFUMS and take 52 credits of DPT courses that count towards your DePaul open electives in your BS degree and required courses towards the DPT degree. At the end of year four (4) after successful completion of your physical therapy courses you will graduate from DePaul with a Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences.

Year 5-6: Complete the remaining DPT courses.

Eligibility Requirements for the RFUMS DPM Program

- Be a Pathways Honors Student.
- Be enrolled in the BS in Health Sciences with a BioScience concentration and on track to complete the bachelor's degree courses and the DPT prerequisites by the end of your junior year.
- Earn at least a B- in each prerequisite course (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Biostatistics, Anatomy and Physiology).
- Maintain at least a 3.3 Science GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Commit to at least 40 hours of physical therapy shadowing and receive a letter of recommendation from a licensed physical therapist.
- Apply via established procedures.

Application Deadline

Students can apply either their 1st or 2nd year at DePaul during Autumn Quarter.

How to Apply

Information sessions about how to apply for admission will be held during Autumn Quarter.

The required application material includes

- Eligibility/registration into the Pre-Health Advising Committee (PAC)
- The PAC online portfolio
- 3-5 Individual letters of recommendation, including one from a science faculty member and one from a physical therapist.