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.
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<td><strong>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.</strong></td>
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**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.

**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.

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