The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) curriculum is a three year, nine (9)-semester plan of study, which incorporates 30 weeks of full-time clinical internship and three weeks of integrated part-time clinical experiences. The students are awarded the DPT degree after completing 128 credit hours of professional course work.

**Admission Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in college course work, and
- Minimum of a 3.0 in all prerequisite courses.
- Successful completion (no grade below C) of all prerequisite courses by the end of the semester before starting the program. Combined GPA of 3.0 in these prerequisites.
- Minimum score of 400 on the verbal portion of the GRE, 500 on the quantitative portion and 3.5 on the analytical writing portion for GRE test taken prior to August 1st, 2011. Minimum score of 146 on the verbal portion of the GRE, 144 on the quantitative portion and 3.5 on the analytical writing portion for GRE test taken on or after August 1st, 2011.
- 40 hours of volunteer experience or observations divided at least between two different types of settings.
- 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
- Letter of intent (double-spaced, maximum of two pages) that reflects your understanding of the physical therapy profession, your experiences with physical therapy, and your goals for entering the physical therapy profession.
- Participate in on-site interview with demonstration of: strong communication and interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills, and sufficient knowledge of the physical therapy profession.
- The deadline will be March 1 for all materials to be received from applicants.

**Prerequisite courses**

- 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
To apply for admission, please complete the following steps:
- Complete the online application on the following webpage: [www.brenau.edu/apply](http://www.brenau.edu/apply)
- Request Official Transcripts from all previous institutions and have them sent directly to the Admissions Office.

After we receive your application, your admissions specialist will contact you and guide you through the next steps in the process. If you have any questions, please call your admissions specialist at 770.534.6100 or 800.252.5119 ext. 6100.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

Brenau University is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program has submitted an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.