



ROSALIND FRANKLIN  
UNIVERSITY  
of MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

# DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

## WHY ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY?

- Interprofessional education: Students learn alongside peers in other Rosalind Franklin University (RFU) programs.
- Exposure to academic, clinical and research components that allow students to explore specialty areas.
- Extensive hands-on experience with a variety of patient populations through a network of clinical sites and RFU's Interprofessional Community Clinic (ICC).
- Our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program's Guaranteed Tuition Program will **freeze each new DPT student's tuition for the length of the 2.5-year program**, allowing you to have a predictable cost of attendance.
- 100+ student organizations and special interest groups.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Our program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills leading to a dynamic career path.
- DPT students experience a personalized education in small class sizes, taught by accomplished and supportive faculty with expertise in education, clinical practice and research.
- In 2024, 67% of our DPT graduates presented research at state and national conferences.
- Our DPT students perform over 900 hours of community-engaged physical therapy services within our local community each year.
- Emphasizing self-directed learning, critical thinking, and problem-solving, students are presented with a curriculum that is organized in a series of courses, case studies, and direct patient care experiences.

## CLASS PROFILE

GPA AVERAGES	
Cumulative: <b>3.57</b>	Science: <b>3.32</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
Class Size	in scholarships awarded

**34 weeks**

full-time clinical  
education experience



**94.7%**

of 2024 graduates  
were satisfied with  
the quality of their  
DPT education

## PREREQUISITES

Subject	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
General Biology <i>with Lab</i>	4	6
General Chemistry <i>with Lab</i>	8	12
Physics <i>with Lab</i>	8	12
Humanities/Social Studies <i>(must include Psychology)</i>	9	12
English <i>including Composition</i>	3	4
Statistics	3	4
Anatomy and Physiology <i>(with lab)</i>	8	12

## CLINICAL ROTATIONS

RFU provides excellent clinical opportunities for students at hospitals and organizations both locally and across the country. Locations in Illinois include:

- Advocate Health Care
- Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
- Ascension Illinois
- Athletico
- ATI Physical Therapy
- Captain James A. Lovell FHCC
- Chicago White Sox
- Concentra
- Doctors of Physical Therapy
- Endeavor Health
- Illinois Bone & Joint Institute
- Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy
- John H. Stroger Cook County Hospital
- Loyola University Health Systems
- Mt. Sinai Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine
- OSF Healthcare
- PT Solutions
- Rush Kids Pediatric Therapy
- Rush University Medical Center
- Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
- Shriners Hospitals for Children
- Team Rehabilitation
- The University of Chicago Medicine

## ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

- Academic accomplishment
- Patient care experience
- Personal statements
- Letters of recommendation
- Connection with our mission
- Life experiences
- Leadership skills
- Commitment to physical therapy

## CURRICULUM

Our DPT curriculum is designed to provide an in-depth and universal view of the profession, with an emphasis on clinical judgment based on current evidence to meet the evolving needs of all people. Courses are taught to develop comprehensive generalist skills which may be used in a variety of patient care settings and serve as a foundation for later specialization.

### Year 1 (Partial List of Classes)

- Clinical Anatomy
- Clinical Skills I-IV
- Critical Inquiry I-II
- Orthopedic Clinical Medicine
- Neurological Clinical Medicine and Pharmacology
- Leadership in Healthcare Practice

"The faculty are **incredible** and **consistently seek ways to enhance our experience**, ensuring we're equipped for success academically while also supporting our well-being."

**Gerardo Suarez**, Class of 2026



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