

HOWARD UNIVERSITY DPT APPLICATION PROCESS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Howard University DPT application process?

The process includes completion of the PTCAS application (www.ptcas.org) and the Howard University supplemental application (<https://cnahs.howard.edu/programs/physical-therapy/graduate-physical-therapy>)

ALL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED as a package to dptadmissions@howard.edu

What are the required components of the supplemental application?

The components of the supplemental application include the following items:

- Pre-requisite course worksheet
- Personal video - YouTube video link (written at the top of the pre-requisite course worksheet and on the checklist document)
- Copy of GRE scores (PDF copy of the report sent to students from GRE testing center)
- Resume
- PTCAS #, YouTube video link and Howard student ID #, if applicable, should be written on the top of each document

Where should I send my supplemental application?

For your convenience, supplemental application information can be sent via email dptadmissions@howard.edu by the December 15th deadline. All documents should be sent as one package with the subject line: HU DPT Applicant Package 2018 - (Your Name) – (Your PTCAS#). In the body of the email list the documents that are attached and YouTube link

Official transcripts and GRE scores should also be forwarded electronically.

Any questions or concerns, please send in a separate email to dptadmissions@howard.edu or call 202-806-7614

PERSONAL VIDEO

Students should complete a personal video and upload to YouTube. Include the video link at the top of each supplemental application form and in the body of the admissions package email sent to dptadmissions@howard.edu. Student should utilize the video as a way for the review committee to get to know a little about you. Videos should be no longer than 5 minutes in length. The following questions are provided to help structure the video presentation (questions also listed under Howard University information page on PTCAS)

- Why do you want to become a Physical Therapist?
- Why Howard?
- What is your perceived difference between physical therapy graduate studies and undergraduate studies?
- Describe an instance of conflict resolution
- How do you cope with stress?
- Describe the consequences for being ill-prepared and/or late to class and late class assignments?
- Describe at least one attribute that will make you an asset to the profession of Physical Therapy
- What strategies must you employ to become a successful physical therapy student?
- Why should we choose you?

PRE-REQUISITE WORKSHEET

What do I do if I have not completed all courses on the pre-requisite worksheet?

If you have not completed all the courses, simply put "PLAN TO TAKE (DATE)" in the space provided. However, if chosen for the incoming cohort, ALL pre-requisite courses must be completed before beginning classes and documentation verifying completion should be forwarded to dptadmissions@howard.edu before summer classes begin. Summer classes for incoming students typically begin in May, the first Monday after Howard University graduation.

What do I do if I have received "Advanced Placement" credit or tested out of lower level math course (including Statistics)?

Students who have "Advance Placement" status or tested out of lower level math or Statistics courses should note this information in the space provided on the supplemental application. Documentation to verify university acceptance of advanced placement credits or testing status should be included with the supplemental application documents. NOTE: If math based Statistics course has been completed, students should consider taking a research based Statistics course as well

Physics/Health Science or Physics I and II

Physics/Health Science is for students that have taken a Physics for Health Science course. If your school does not offer this course or you have completed Physics I and II, simply cross out the Physics/Health Science line

Anatomy and Physiology

Students who have taken Anatomy/Physiology I and II courses have fulfilled the Anatomy and Physiology course requirements. However, there must be two (2) parts to this combined course. If the school DOES NOT offer Anatomy with a cadaver lab, this course still meets the pre-requisite course requirement. However, if chosen for the incoming DPT cohort, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that students take an Anatomy course with cadaver lab prior to beginning the Fall semester.

Nutrition- Is this a required course?

Although considered a required pre-requisite course by PTCAS, Nutrition is NOT REQUIRED as a pre-requisite course in our program. However, it is highly recommended.

Technical Writing and Abnormal Psychology courses?

A technical writing course is one that is above English I and II courses and that requires written interpretation and analysis of technical information. This course is typically writing intensive and requires students to form an opinion regarding information read. Students should include course descriptions for any courses that seem questionable in fulfilling this requirement. However, students may also consider taking online technical writing courses. Simply forward a course description.

Students who attended schools that do not offer Abnormal Psychology can substitute this course with any other advanced psychology beyond General Psychology (Developmental Psychology, Child and Family Psychology, etc). Simply include a course description for review by committee evaluators

CPR course requirement

Students can satisfy the CPR course requirement by taking a Red Cross CPR certification course. Simply make a copy of the CPR certificate or certification card and forward with supplemental application documents. Students who plan to take this course should forward required information to the Admissions Committee via dptadmissions@howard.edu no later than January 15th

What is the policy on the GRE and GRE scores?

The program requires that students take the GRE. **Recommended scores are at least 150 for verbal and quantitative scores and at least 3.0 for analytical scores.** Students should include a PDF copy of the GRE score notification report with the supplemental application. Any student that has not taken the GRE or who plans to retake the GRE should complete the process immediately, so scores can be forwarded to the Admissions Committee via dptadmissions@howard.edu no later than January 15th. Students will not be allowed to participate in the interview process, if recommended, without GRE scores on file.

Transcripts

If chosen for the incoming DPT Cohort, official transcripts must be forwarded directly to the Admissions Committee via dptadmissions@howard.edu

Observation Hours

Students should complete at least 100 hours of observation by January 15th. Documentation verifying hours should be included with the PTCAS application. It is highly recommended that students do at least 20 hours in an acute care setting and show experiences in a variety of settings. Work experiences in a physical therapy setting count toward observation hours. Student should indicate any hours they intend to complete after the December 15th deadline and are highly encouraged to complete greater than 100 hours prior to beginning courses if chosen for the incoming DPT cohort.

We hope this information helps as you continue working through the application process. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Howard University Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee at dptadmissions@howard.edu or call at 202-806-7614.