

## Major Day Information Sheet

**Department:** Physical Therapy

**Location:** HS 201

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**Major:** Doctor of Physical Therapy (graduate program)

**Description of Degree:** The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) at LIU Brooklyn Campus is a three-year accredited graduate physical therapy program with emphasis on preparing student physical therapists to become autonomous health care practitioners in the provision of physical therapy services. The curriculum consists of both didactic instruction and hands-on/ lab training with clinical practice coursework integrated in the second and third years of the program. Upon completion of the program, the graduate becomes eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), which assesses a candidate's competency to practice physical therapy at the entry-level. Passing the NPTE allows the individual to register for physical therapy licensure in accordance with state specific regulations.

**Is a minor available?** No

**Students in this major should enjoy the following subjects:** Sciences: Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, Kinesiology, Exercise-Based Sciences, etc.

**Special requirements to be accepted into this major (ex. Exam, volunteer experience, GPA):**

Below is an abbreviated list. Review all specifics regarding our requirements on our webpage: [www.liu.edu/brooklyn/DPT](http://www.liu.edu/brooklyn/DPT)

- A Baccalaureate Degree in any major
- A cumulative Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 and a Science GPA of at least 3.0
- GRE: Composite score (quantitative reasoning + verbal reasoning components) of at least 290
- Volunteer/ Observation hours: A minimum of 36 hours total across 2 different physical therapy settings
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Course Prerequisites: All course prerequisites must be completed with a grade not less than a "C" to be accepted.
  - See "Classes to consider" below  
(Review our webpage for specifics if you've taken such type of coursework at other institutions)
- Submit a PTCAS (Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service) application and a graduate LIU application.

**Classes to consider if you are interested in this major:**

- BIO 2/4 (General Biology)
- BIO 131 (Human Anatomy)
- BIO 132 (Human Physiology)
- PHY 31 (Physics)
- PHY 32/27 (Physics)
- CHM 3/3x (Chemistry)
- CHM 4/4x (Chemistry)
- MTH 100/ PSY 150 (Statistics)

**Examples of jobs alumni of this major have obtained:**

- Staff / Senior PT in large hospital settings, outpatient facility, board of education, military, home care setting
- Owner/ Clinical Director of a PT practice
- Professor/ Instructor / Researcher of PT
- PT working w/ a sports team
- PT working w/ dancers off Broadway