DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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- Review health records and create appropriate plans for patients
- Create exercise plans to increase range of motion
- Work with patients of all ages and genders
- Aid in educating patients on what to expect during recovery

MY TIMELINE

What Can I do in High School?

Take the ACT and SAT
Complete College Applications: The Common Application, CFNC and Individual applications.
Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer Credit.
Participate in extracurricular activities: Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, volunteering, workshops, summer camps

What Can I do in College?

Doctor of physical therapy schools require you to have at least a Bachelor’s Degree before applying. You can transfer from a NC community college to public NC university and still go to DPT school.
Although shadowing hours are not required by all schools, applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to shadow with various PT’s in your area, and have the PT’s sign off on your shadowing hours. Diverse shadowing makes applicants stand out!
Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: volunteering, clinical experiences, research.

What about DPT School?

DPT schools require you to take the GRE exam before applying to DPT school.
PTCAS is the application service for DPT school.
The application process includes: applications and in-person interviews
DPT school lasts three years. There are ten DPT schools in North Carolina:
- Duke
- UNC
- Wingate
- East Carolina
- Elon
- Methodist
- Western Carolina
- Winston-Salem State
- Campbell
- High Point

MORE INFORMATION?

US Bureau of Labor Statistics
Application Fee Assistance
DPT Student Resources
My Next Move—DPT