NCC DPT Guarantee
Admissions Requirements

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program NCC DPT Guarantee Admissions Requirements align with the mission, vision, values, and commitment of the Program.

Mission: To support learners on their journey to becoming excellent clinicians, educators, scholars, and/or leaders dedicated to serving society as movement system experts.
Vision: To impact the lived experiences of others through movement
Values: Integrity, Excellence, and Balance.
Commitment: The success of every learner

The Program strives to enroll students who embody these same values who the faculty believe will be successful as learners in the North Central Doctor of Physical Therapy Program environment. With the mission, vision, values, and commitment of the DPT program aligned with the mission, vision, and strategic plan of North Central College, North Central College undergraduate students and alumni are excellent candidates for the North Central College DPT Program. Thus, applicants who are students or graduates of North Central College are guaranteed admission into the North Central College DPT program should they achieve certain selective requirements. North Central College students or graduates who do not meet these requirements for guaranteed admission are still strongly encouraged to apply.

North Central College Requirements for guaranteed admission into the North Central College DPT program

- Be a graduate of or plan to graduate from North Central College with a minimum of 60 credits on their transcript from courses taken at North Central College.
- Completion of a full application in PTCAS, the centralized application service utilized by the program for all applications.
- A cumulative and pre-requisite GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- All pre-requisite course grades must be a C or higher.
- Completion of the CASPer Test with a score above the 50th percentile. Costs incurred are the responsibility of the applicant. If a prospective student meets all other criteria for the NCC DPT Guarantee except a score above the 50th percentile on the CASPer Test, the prospective student will still be admitted through the NCC DPT Guarantee pathway but may need to meet with the DPT Program Director to discuss their CASPer Test score and a potential Plan for Success to ensure success in the Program.
- Completion of one of the following:
  - Participation in at least one sanctioned North Central College activity on campus for the majority (>50%) of semesters enrolled (e.g., sports, theatre, music, etc.).
  - Work or volunteer a minimum of 10 hours a week for the majority (>50%) of semesters enrolled.
  - Hold a significant leadership position on campus for a campus sanctioned organization or activity.

*Prospective students with questions about any of these requirements are encouraged to reach out to the DPT Program Director, Sara Scholtes, PT, DPT, PhD, sscholtes@noctrl.edu.

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