

# Nova Southeastern University

## Doctor of Physical Therapy Program-Tampa

### 2017 Admissions Check List for Entering Students

1. **Get organized!** Blended (hybrid) education gives you the flexibility to work, so you must be organized and focused as a student. Grab a calendar, start filling in important dates, and plan a study space in your home. Here are some dates you can fill in already:
  - a. **Orientation May 15-16:** Mandatory **orientation class of 2021**. See the list of local hotels on this website. You will need to be at NSU-Tampa by 8:00 Monday May 15 and will be dismissed Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm.
  - b. **First day of class:** Monday **May 22** -classes are online for 3 weeks and then face to face for 4 days, so you won't come back to the campus until the **first weekend institute June 15-18**. Weekend institutes run from 8am-5pm each day so if you are flying from out of town please be sure to arrive the night before.
  - c. All weekend institute dates for the next 2 years are already set in the document entitled **Four Year Calendar** on this website. Each semester begins online for 3 weeks followed by 4 intensive face-to-face days here in Tampa. If you need a letter for your employer, we will be happy to provide one for you. Please contact Dr. Blackinton if you need such a letter.
  
2. **Get ready:**
  - a. The first order of business is to set up your Sharklink ID. This is the NSU user name and password that you use for email, Blackboard, electronic library, etc. To access, follow directions on <http://www.nova.edu/help/sharklinkid/index.html> and if you have additional questions call the 24-hour help desk 954-262-4357.
  - b. As it gets closer to May, join the **American Physical Therapy Association** as a student member by going to [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org). **Membership to the APTA is required** throughout the program, membership pays for itself by giving discounts on equipment, books, conferences, and resources. Student APTA dues are \$80/year; and the state dues vary slightly (Florida is \$10 for students). If you plan on remaining out of state, you should join your own state and not Florida.
  - c. Review medical terminology by going to the following free on-line course presented by Des Moines University. <http://www.dmu.edu/medterms/> This course is designed to review basic knowledge of medical terminology and better prepare you for a career in the field of healthcare. As soon as you have your NSU

email address, we will enter you into blackboard where you can take an online medical Terminology Exam, if you don't pass the exam you will need to retake it.

3. **Financial Preparation:** Call our financial aid office (954-262-3380) if you have questions about financial aid. It is imperative that you get your finances in order before starting the program. Although most students work throughout the program, many also apply for student loans. In-state students can apply for the Chancellor's Scholarship (need-based scholarship with preference for those who are first health professionals in the family). Contact Susan Darcy-Peake at 954-262-1518.
4. **Background Check and Health Portal:** You will be receiving a login/password from our admissions and/or student affairs department to begin the process of completing your background check and entering your health information (physical, vaccinations, etc). This information is in a secure website.
5. **Admissions Requirements:** As you complete any classes or requirements, remember to contact Mr. Eric DeRise at 813-574-5278 or email him at [ederise@nova.edu](mailto:ederise@nova.edu)
6. **Registration:** We will register you for your first SUMMER term. Fritz Gaspar, the Academic Support Coordinator for our program, will register you by approximately May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have unfinished admissions documents, there might be a hold on your account and we might have to contact you to register you.
7. **Technology:** Review the Technology Requirements on this webpage-make sure you have laptop you can bring to the orientation and weekend institutes. We also strongly encourage bringing an iPad to weekend institute for test-taking because iPads don't require as many updates in software (most written tests are done online on campus).
8. **LASTLY:** Should you change your mind and to withdraw from our DPT Program, please contact me immediately. It is critical to inform us of any change in your plans so that we can extend your seat to a student on our long waiting list. My phone number is 813-574-5311.