

NSU-Tampa

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

2016 Admissions Check List

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 16-17: mandatory orientation class of 2020!**
 - b. **First day of class: May 23rd** 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 16-19th**. Weekend institutes run from 8-5 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. Begin with the second row entitled 2016-2017. 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. As it gets closer to May, join the **American Physical Therapy Association** as a student member by going to 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.
 - b. 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 local Tampa Financial Aid advisor **Ms. Beverly Favero** at [813-574-5292](tel:813-574-5292) bfavero@nova.edu if you have questions about financial aid. Beverly works Tuesday-Saturday in order to be available to working students.
4. You will be receiving a login/password from our admissions department in order to login to Certified Profiles to a) enter information in for your background check, and b) begin entering your immunizations/health information. This information is in a secure website, and we continue to use Certified Profile when you prepare for your clinical internship experience.
5. Admissions: As you complete any classes or requirements, remember to contact Mr. Eric DeRise at 813-574-5278 or email him at ederise@nova.edu
6. Registration: We will register you for your first SUMMER term. Melly Iglesias, the Academic Support Coordinator for our program, will register you by approximately May 1st. If you have unfinished admissions documents, there might be a hold on your account and we might have to contact you in order to register you. After this first term, you will register yourself.
7. Review the Technology Requirements on this webpage-make sure you have laptop you can bring to the orientation and weekend institutes.
8. Should you change your mind and withdraw from our DPT Program, please contact Melly and I so that we will dis-enroll you. It is critical to inform us of any change in your plans so that we can extend your seat to a student on the waiting list.
 - a. Melly's contact information is as follows: Melly Iglesias-813-574-5309;
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