

GREAT NEWS for Pre-Physical Therapy students!

WWU and Tufts University Physical Therapy program have an agreement that allows WWU students who complete a degree with a major in Kinesiology or Public Health to have a supported path through the admission process, and be highlighted to the admissions committee(s) of the Tufts University Doctor of Physical Therapy hybrid program, if the student completes the required prerequisite courses with the required grade level, and they fulfill Tufts program application requirements, including successful completion of a video interview.

Tufts University Doctor of Physical Therapy hybrid program may accept up to ten WWU students into each of its PT school sites (Boston, Massachusetts; Phoenix, Arizona; and Seattle, Washington) each year.

WWU students are responsible for reading the full description of the Tufts University Physical Therapy program DPT hybrid program at: <https://medicine.tufts.edu/academics/physical-therapy>, and the admission requirements at: <https://medicine.tufts.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admission-program/doctor-physical-therapy> and <https://medicine.tufts.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admission-program/doctor-physical-therapy/dpt-seattle>. Students may request information at: go.tufts.edu/dpt_more_info, and may contact a Tufts DPT Program admissions counsellor to meet with them via zoom: <https://tusmgp.admissions.tufts.edu/portal/dpt-office-hours>.

WWU students should also read the updates sent out to Kinesiology and Public Health majors from WWU pre-PT advisors, detailing upcoming informational events hosted by the Tufts University PT program.

To apply to the Tufts University Physical Therapy program under this agreement, WWU students must complete the following:

1. A 4-year degree major in Kinesiology or Public Health, prior to starting the Tufts PT program.
2. The following WWU courses:

WWU Class (quarter credits)	Tufts Prerequisite Courses	Credit Hours	Required Lab
BIOL 101 (4 cr) (w/lab) & an upper-level Biology course such as Genetics, Microbiology, or Neuroscience or Exercise Physiology (4-5 cr)(w/lab)	General Biology I	3 semester hours/4 quarter hours	Yes
OR BIOL 204 (5 cr) (w/lab) & BIOL 205 (5 cr) (w/lab)	General Biology II (may include an upper-level Biology course such as Genetics, Microbiology, or Neuroscience. One Biology requirement may be fulfilled by an Exercise Physiology course)	3 semester hours/4 quarter hours	Yes
OR BIOL 204 (5 cr) (w/lab) & an upper-level Biology course such as Genetics, Microbiology, or Neuroscience or Exercise Physiology (4-5cr)(w/lab)			

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CHEM 161 (5 cr) (w/lab) CHEM 162 (5 cr) (w/lab) CHEM 163 (5 cr) (w/lab)	General Chemistry I	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
	General Chemistry II	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
Phys 114 (5 cr) Phys 115 (5 cr) (w/lab) Phys 116 (5 cr) (w/lab)	General Physics I	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
	General Physics II	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
PSY 101 (5 cr)	One Psychology Requirement (This requirement may be completed with any general Psychology course or an upper-level Psychology course)	3 semester hours/4 quarter hours	No
BIOL 348 (5 cr) (w/lab) BIOL 349 (5 cr) (w/lab) (accepted for Tufts A&P requirement)	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Vertebrate anatomy will also be accepted)	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Anatomy and Physiology sequence may be taken as a series of Human Anatomy and Human Physiology or as part of a 2-course A&P sequence)	4 semester hours/6 quarter hours	Yes
MATH 240 (4 cr) OR KIN 307 (4 cr)	Statistics or Research Design	3 semester hours/4 quarter hours	No

Notes:

- Courses used to fulfill the Anatomy & Physiology I and II prerequisites, including both lecture and lab components, must be completed within 10 years of the admissions cycle.
- Students can apply to the DPT program(s) if they have at least seven of the ten required prerequisite courses completed. They are responsible for all published Tufts DPT admissions requirements.
- Completion of the prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher is required. Credit awarded through AP exams may be used toward direct equivalent prerequisites if the AP credit was accepted by the prospective student's undergraduate institution. All prerequisite courses will be assessed for fit on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and prerequisite course GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.00 scale.*

- *For those applicants who may be considered as a disadvantaged applicant and identify as such on their application, the DPT admissions committee will consider the applicant's self-reported background and how this may have resulted in a GPA below the minimum of 3.00.
 - Students slightly lower in this GPA requirement will still be considered with the general applicant pool as opposed to under this agreement.
3. Students must submit a completed application for the Tufts DPT program(s) through the Physical Therapist Centralize Application Service (PTCAS) by the published Tufts DPT program deadline of the year of the student's desired year of admission. Students may have a priority application review if verified in PTCAS by October 1, students submitting applications to PTCAS after October 1 will still be considered for acceptance. See other dates listed in the Tufts website:
<https://medicine.tufts.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admission-program/doctor-physical-therapy/dpt-seattle>

Note:

- Pending limited availability of application fee waivers, students may apply for an application fee waiver by reaching out to dpt.admissions@tufts.edu.
4. Remain in good academic and student conduct standing throughout the duration of enrollment at Western Washington University and any other educational institution.
5. Submit a letter of intent to Tufts DPT Admissions to notify the Admissions Team of student's intention to be considered for admission under this Agreement (dpt.admissions@tufts.edu).

QUESTIONS? Contact: dpt.admissions@tufts.edu

Starting 2026:

Applicants to Tufts PT school are eligible for a \$42,000 tuition reduction if they are employed as a PT aide at ATI Physical Therapy. For more information see the flyer on the next page.



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

LAUNCH YOUR PT CAREER AT ATI

AND BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR THE TUFTS DPT SCHOLARSHIP

PT Aide Opportunities Available

ATI Physical Therapy is proud to partner with Tufts University to offer a scholarship opportunity for current ATI employees interested in pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree through Tufts' innovative, accelerated hybrid program.

Program Highlights

- **\$42,000 Tuition Reduction:** Jointly funded by Tufts and ATI in exchange for a 3-year post-licensure employment commitment with ATI
- **45 Employee Scholarship Spots:** Available across Tufts' Boston, Phoenix, and Seattle campuses
- **Accelerated 26-Month Hybrid Format:** Combines online coursework, weekly live sessions, 8 intensive in-person lab immersions, and 31 weeks of clinical education
- **No GRE Required:** Tufts uses a holistic application review
- **Application Fee Waiver:** email dpt.admissions@tufts.edu

Why Become a PT Aide at ATI?

A PT Aide role at ATI gives undergraduates hands-on experience in one of our 850+ clinics across 24 states while preparing for graduate programs. As a PT Aide, you will work alongside licensed clinicians to help patients move better every day. More than a job, this role is a first step toward a meaningful career in physical therapy.

What You Will Gain

- ✓ Work as a PT Aide (Tech) in a real outpatient clinical environment
- ✓ Earn required shadowing and observation hours for DPT and healthcare programs
- ✓ Gain hands on exposure to physical therapy treatments and patient care
- ✓ Learn directly from experienced Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants
- ✓ Build a strong foundation and resume for DPT and other graduate school applications



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Apply today and start building your future with ATI.

Connect with ATI Team: university@ATIpt.com

Full scholarship details and eligibility requirements: ATIpt.com/Tufts-DPT