


**ALLEN COLLEGE – UNITYPOINT HEALTH
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SUBJECT: Academic Progression – Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for progression in Allen College’s Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

EFFECTIVE FOR: Allen College DPT students, faculty, and staff

POLICY: From enrollment at Allen College, student progress will be continually evaluated.

PROCEDURE:

Academic Progression

Cohort Enrollment

Students will be enrolled one time each year and progress as a cohort throughout the program.

Progression Through DPT Program

Each semester is a prerequisite for the next. Progression within the program is dependent upon satisfactory completion of all didactic coursework which will use letter grades. Students are expected to meet all of the requirements outlined in each course syllabus. Faculty members intend that students achieve grades of “B” or better in each didactic course in the program and are committed to advising students in achieving that goal. Students are allowed two course grades of “C” (see further clarification in B.1. below), but students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Dropping below a 3.0 will result in academic probation.

Clinical Experience (clinical education) courses are graded on a “Credit/No-Credit” (Pass/Fail) basis.

Academic Probation and Dismissal

A. Academic Probation:

A graduate student failing to meet the criteria for satisfactory achievement will be placed on academic probation. A student on probation due to failure to meet the cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be allowed one semester to raise the cumulative GPA to a satisfactory level. Failure to achieve a 3.0 after one semester will result in dismissal from the program. Students may be placed on academic probation no more than two times. Students that fail to meet the cumulative GPA of 3.0 for a third time will be dismissed from the program.

B. Academic Dismissal

Students are subject to dismissal from the DPT Program in the following situations:

1. Any student who receives more than 2 course grades of C (includes any level of C: C+, C, or C-) at any time during the program will be dismissed from the program.
2. Any student who receives a grade below C- in any course in the curriculum will be dismissed from the program.
3. Students will be allowed to retake one practical exam within a course and must pass all subsequent practicals in that course. Failure to do so will earn a course grade of F. No more than 3 retakes will be allowed during the program. Failure of the fourth practical examination during the curriculum will constitute a course failure (F) of the course in which the fourth failure occurred, resulting in the student's dismissal from the program at the end of the semester.
4. Any student who is unable to successfully complete a Clinical Experience (clinical education) course will receive a grade of either "No-Credit" or "In Progress" and will have only 1 opportunity for remediation. The nature and timeline of the remediation and its effect on student progression through the curriculum may affect the ability of the student to remain with their cohort and/or delay the date of graduation.
5. A student who is unable to successfully complete a second Clinical Experience (clinical education) course will receive a "No-Credit" and will be dismissed from the program.
6. Students are expected to adhere to the attendance policies for all didactic courses, outside professional experiences, and Clinical Experience courses. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

Degree Requirements

The DPT Program is a nine-semester sequence. Students must satisfactorily complete a total of 113 credit hours of course work as outlined in the curriculum.