Major Information

The agreement between St. Bonaventure University and Daemen College is an accelerated dual admission/dual degree program that allows students accepted into the program to have a reserved seat for physical therapy graduate school awaiting them after three years at SBU. The first year’s credit at Daemen transfers back to SBU and completes the requirements for the BS in biology. After six years the student has both degrees: BS in biology and Doctor of Physical Therapy. To remain in satisfactory standing in the program, there are both academic and comportment standards that must be maintained. The accepted individual will complete phase I in three or four years at SBU. Phase II consists of three years of professional physical therapy education at Daemen College Department of Physical Therapy.

Facilities: Renovations & an Addition

The construction of a 46,500-square-foot addition to De La Roche Hall began in the summer of 2006 and was completed in the spring of 2008. The William F. Walsh Science Center houses state-of-the-art computer science laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a Natural World lab, a 150-seat indoor amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for enhanced student-teacher accessibility.

Application Requirements

- SAT 1080 (ERW+M) or ACT composite 22.
- High school average (GPA): 88%.
- Community service is evaluated and taken into consideration.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation. One must be from a science teacher.
- A personal statement and a resume.
- U.S. citizen, or permanent resident visa, or Canadian citizen with student visa.

Expected Standards

- Must be a full-time student.
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.8 (A = 4.0).
- Minimum GPA of 2.8 in all major science courses.
- Must complete 120 hours of physical therapy clinical exposure.
- Students must complete three pre-professional phase physical therapy courses and one 300 level "Advanced Composition for Health Professions" course offered each summer at Daemen prior to the start of the professional phase of the program.
- Option to finish 4 years at SBU.