

PHYSICAL THERAPY, DPT

Graduates of the doctoral program in physical therapy (PT) are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for licensure, which is required in all states to work as a PT. Students in the program complete a curriculum that begins with foundational discipline-specific content, followed by courses covering tests and measures, interventions, professional responsibility, evidence-based practice, and patient management. Courses focus on the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, integumentary, and cardiopulmonary systems and include content that covers the lifespan. Students in the second year of the program apply skills while treating clients in the on-site clinic. Graduates of the program possess the knowledge, skills and behaviors needed to work autonomously as entry-level clinicians in any practice setting.

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Upon completing the Doctor of Physical Therapy, students will be able to:

Outcome 1: Develop the knowledge, skills and behaviors needed for entry-level practice of physical therapy by:

1. Demonstrating mastery of foundational knowledge at the conclusion of Year Two.
2. Demonstrating psychomotor skills needed for effective patient care.
3. Developing the professional behaviors needed for entry-level practice.

Outcome 2: Develop an Evidence-Based approach to clinical decision-making by:

1. Synthesizing, evaluating and communicating evidence related to the PT discipline.

Outcome 3. Prepare for engagement in the PT profession by:

1. Developing knowledge and skills related to professional engagement and reflect on development opportunities.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under "Program Required Courses" for the Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 108

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Minimum Grade: C

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PTH 6405	Professionalism in Physical Therapy I	2
PTH 6407	Professionalism in Physical Therapy II	2
PTH 6410	PT Administration I	2
PTH 6481	Critical Inquiry I	2
PTH 6482	Critical Inquiry II	1
PTH 6505	Biomechanics	3
PTH 6510	Functional Anatomy	4
PTH 6511	Neuroscience	5

PTH 6513	Lifespan Motor Development	2
PTH 6517	Systems Screening and Management	3
PTH 6520	PT Examination and Evaluation I	4
PTH 6521	PT Examination and Evaluation II	4
PTH 6530	Interventions I: Foundations	4
PTH 6531	PT Interventions II	4
PTH 6535	Physiological Response to Injury and Exercise	3
PTH 6543	Health Promotion and Wellness in Physical Therapy	1
PTH 6910	Patient/Client Management I	2
PTH 7101	Professional Engagement	1
PTH 7411	Physical Therapy Administration II	3
PTH 7483	Professional Project I	2
PTH 7484	Professional Project II	1
PTH 7518	Systems Screening and Management II	3
PTH 7540	Musculoskeletal Evaluation and Management	4
PTH 7541	Multiple System Evaluation and Management	3
PTH 7545	Neuromuscular Evaluation and Management I	3
PTH 7546	Neuromuscular Evaluation and Management II	3
PTH 7560	Cardiopulmonary Evaluation and Management	3
PTH 7565	Integumentary Evaluation and Management	2
PTH 7567	Life Span Applications I: Pediatrics	3
PTH 7568	Lifespan Applications II: Geriatrics	2
PTH 7573	Psychosocial Issues in PT	2
PTH 7615	Imaging for Physical Therapists	2
PTH 7911	Patient/Client Management II	2
PTH 7912	Patient/Client Management III	2
PTH 8951	PT Clinical Internship I	6
PTH 8952	PT Clinical Internship II	6
PTH 8953	PT Clinical Internship III	6
PTH 8980	Capstone	1

Total Credits 108