

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, D.P.T.

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Program Description

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The professional program consists of 108 semester hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses. All didactic coursework is offered on the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) campuses in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This program begins in the summer of every year. Clinical courses are completed within the state and region.

For further information about the profession of physical therapy, contact the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) (<http://www.apta.org/>).

Graduates of the program receive a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree and are eligible to sit for the national licensure examination upon meeting state licensure requirements.

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Allied Health ensures that program expectations, learning objectives, and educational outcomes offered at the Oklahoma City campus and Tulsa campus are consistent. Program outcomes between the Oklahoma City campus and Tulsa campus are evaluated yearly by course directors and reported to the Department Chairman and to the Dean of the College of Allied Health.

Program Defined

Physical therapy is a dynamic health profession dedicated to the promotion of optimal health, prevention of disability, and the restoration and maintenance of physical activities that contribute to a successful life. Physical therapy services are provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, one's workplace, outpatient clinics, and hospitals.

Physical therapists provide direct patient service, consultation, education, and are often engaged in research. They also serve in administrative capacities, including supervising and delegating responsibilities to members of the physical therapy service. They work in primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare settings. Physical therapists enter practice as generalists and may later become board-certified specialists. Physical therapists work closely with members of a patient's team. Physical therapists are also engaged in the development of new approaches of intervention that will more effectively meet existing and emerging health needs in society, including health promotion and disability prevention programs.

Physical therapists are dedicated to improving the ability of an individual to function successfully regardless of the reason for disability: disease or trauma, developmental or acquired, acute in nature or chronic. They are effective working with people of any age with a wide variety of functional limitations. Physical therapists also contribute significantly to the development of standards of practice in physical therapy and to the development of relevant health policy.

Physical therapists are eligible to practice once they receive state licensure. One is eligible to sit for the state licensure examination upon graduation from a physical therapy curriculum approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Accreditation/Credentialing

The Physical Therapy program at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is accredited by the:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
3030 Potomac Ave., Ste. 100
Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085
telephone: 703-706-3245
Email (accreditation@apta.org); Website (<http://www.capteonline.org/>)

CAPTE Required Public Disclosure of Student Outcomes

- Graduation Rate: 99.2% (two-year average as calculated in the 2022 CAPTE Annual Accreditation Report using 2019 and 2020 graduates)
- Licensure Examination Pass Rate (reflecting graduate performance in the years between 2020-2022): 122 students attempted the national licensure exam with a 87.7% first-time pass rate and a 96.7% ultimate pass rate (as published by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy)
- Employment rate 12 months after passing board exam (reflecting a two-year average from 2019-2020 graduates): 100%

Cost

Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office (<http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/>) at (405) 271-2118.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

1. Meet the following degree requirements:
 - a. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program. There is no preference given to a specific major; applicants should choose a major of interest;
2. AND meet the following GPA requirements:
 - a. At a minimum, earn a 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale as calculated by PTCAS (https://help.liaisonedu.com/PTCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Submitting_and_Monitoring_Your_PTCAS_Application/Verification_and_GPA_Calculations_for_PTCAS/3_Calculating_Your_GPAs/);

- b. At minimum, earn a 2.75 science grade point average on a 4.0 scale as calculated by PTCAS (https://help.liaisonedu.com/PTCAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Submitting_and_Monitoring_Your_PTCAS_Application/Verification_and_GPA_Calculations_for_PTCAS/3-Calculating_Your_GPA). This may include pre-requisites but also factors in all science courses taken, as determined by PTCAS;
 - c. The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve policies (<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/How-to-Apply/Academic-Forgiveness/>). All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPAs;
 - d. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
 - e. While a 2.75 is the minimum eligibility requirement, please review our admission statistics (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Information-for-Appling/>) from the previous year to ensure that you are a competitive applicant.
3. AND have completed, or are in the process of completing the required pre-requisites (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Academic-Programs/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-DPT/#13897203-prerequisites>):
 - a. Successfully complete all departmental prerequisite courses with grades of C or better prior to beginning our program the first week of June.
 - b. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a "P" for passing or "S" for satisfactory due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that the required 2.75 cumulative grade point average still applies;
 - c. If your prerequisites are from a college or university other than the University of Oklahoma, please refer to the Transfer Equivalency Database (<https://sis.ou.edu/ted/>) to find out if your courses transfer.
 4. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is no longer required as part of the application process.
 5. If English is a second language, submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (<https://www.ets.org/toefl.html>) (TOEFL) scores. Applicants must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) within two years prior to application. The PTCAS TOEFL Designated Institution Code for the DPT program at OUHSC is 7426. The department may waive TOEFL scores if the applicant provides evidence of graduation from a U.S. High School or a 4-year Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. institution. Click here (<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/International-Aplicants/English-Proficiency-Requirement-TOEFL/>) to review additional information regarding the TOEFL and TOEFL waiver;
 6. Observation hours are not required, only recommended for applicants to better understand the profession and expectations for a career in Physical Therapy (<https://www.apta.org/your-career/careers-in-physical-therapy/>).
 7. Be able to meet all Technical Standards (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/documents/OASS/TECHNICAL%20STANDARDS.pdf?ver=2020-05-06-115246-367>) of the profession during the program.
- one campus. Students are required to attend all classes on the campus to which they are admitted.
2. As part of the application process through PTCAS, you will complete an online asynchronous interview/assessment through Kira Talent;
 3. Complete an online application through the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Office of Admissions and Records (<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>);
 4. Submit official, sealed transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended directly to PTCAS:
 - a. Transcripts sent directly to the OUHS Admissions and Records will not be considered for the application as they must be assessed by PTCAS
 - b. If previous coursework is from colleges or universities outside of the US, have all transcripts/mark sheets processed through World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>) (WES);
 5. Selection
 - a. Once an application is complete, including the PTCAS application, Kira Talent Assessment, Official Transcripts, and OUHSC Application, it will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning October 1st.
 - i. Decisions may include admitted, waitlisted, or denied. We do not publish our waitlist and will continue to admit students until the class is filled, which may continue through April 2025.
 - ii. Admitted applicants will be notified via an electronic letter sent by OU Health Sciences Admissions and Records. Waitlisted or Denied students will be notified via PTCAS of their status.
 - iii. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they have provided a correct email address in both PTCAS and the OU application systems and be monitoring their email for updates.
 6. Admitted applicants must accept their position according to the timeline communicated on their electronic letter received through OU Health Sciences Admissions and Records, or the position will be considered declined. If admitted, applicants must accept their position by paying a non-refundable deposit, which will be applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.
 7. Students are required to attend a mandatory orientation the week before the start of their first semester beginning in June 2025 as well as meet all university compliance and eligibility requirements. Admission is conditional based on meeting all requirements and the college reserves the right to rescind admission offers up until the start of the first week of school.

Curriculum

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
First Summer		
AHS 8415	Clinical Anatomy	5
PHTH 8002	Concepts in Rehabilitation Sciences	2
		Hours
		7
Fall Semester		
PHTH 8112	Fundamentals of Physical Therapy	2
PHTH 8034	Principles of Human Movement	4
PHTH 8152	Evidence Based Practice	2
PHTH 8153	Clinical Process	3
PHTH 8192	Exercise Science I	2

Application Procedure

1. Complete an application through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (<https://www.apta.org/cas/ptcas/>) (PTCAS);
 - a. Applicants will have the opportunity to provide their campus preference but sometimes a student spot is only available on

PHTH 8274	Orthopedic Concepts and Management of the Upper Extremity Dysfunction	4
Hours		17
Spring Semester		
AHS 8274	Neuroscience	4
PHTH 8114	Orthopedic Management of Lower Extremities	4
PHTH 8313	Differential Diagnosis	3
AHS 8433	Pathology	3
PHTH 8074	Therapeutic Exercise Prescription	4
Hours		18
Year 2		
First Summer		
PHTH 8393	Movement Science I	3
PHTH 8362	Clinical Education I	2
PHTH 9112	Behavioral Science	2
PHTH 9391	Interprofessional Case Management	1
Hours		8
Fall Semester		
AHS 8112	Pharmacology	2
PHTH 8154	Neurorehabilitation for Children	4
PHTH 8332	Teaching in Practice	2
PHTH 8122	Rehabilitation of Progressive Neurological Conditions in Adults	2
PHTH 8214	Orthopedic Management Axial Skeleton	4
Hours		14
Spring Semester		
PHTH 8303	Integrated Management of Complex Orthopedic Problems	3
PHTH 8234	Neurorehabilitation for Adults	4
PHTH 8282	Clinical Reasoning in Physical Therapy I	2
PHTH 8272	Aging Considerations for Physical Therapy Practice	2
PHTH 8352	Clinical Practice Management I	2
PHTH 8292	Assistive Technology	2
PHTH 8172	Measurement in Clinical Practice	2
PHTH 8371	Effective Management of Environmental Activities in Athletic and Community Settings	1
Hours		18
Year 3		
First Summer		
PHTH 9014	Physical Therapy Management for Sport & Recreation	4
PHTH 8372	Clinical Practice Management II	2
PHTH 8383	Clinical Education II	3
Hours		9
Fall Semester		
PHTH 9124	Clinical Education III	4
PHTH 9132	Community Assessment/Planning	2
PHTH 9152	Clinical Reasoning in Physical Therapy II	2
PHTH 9173	Complex Medical Problems	3
Hours		11
Spring Semester		
PHTH 9224	Clinical Education IV	4
PHTH 9432	Topics in Physical Therapy	2
Hours		6
Total Hours		108

provide the tools to make sure you do. Check the Transfer Equivalencies Database (<http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/TransferEquivalenciesTranscriptEvaluation.aspx>) or with your school advisor regarding equivalent courses. There are instructions on that page on how to request a transcript evaluation for particular courses if your courses are not listed in the database.

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 2603	Developmental Psychology	3
CHEM 1315	General Chemistry	4-5
BIOL 2234	Introduction To Human Anatomy	4-5
or BIOL 2255	Human Anatomy	
BIOL 2124	Human Physiology	4
or 4		
BIOL 1005	Concepts in Biology.	4-5
or BIOL 1124	Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys	
PHYS 2414	General Physics For Life Science Oriented Majors	4
PHYS 2424	General Physics For Life Science Oriented Majors	4
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 2513	Introduction To Statistics	
ECON 2843	Elements Of Statistics	
PSY 2113	Research Methods I: Statistics	
PSY 2003	Understanding Statistics	

Prerequisites

Course numbers are those of the University of Oklahoma. Approved prerequisite courses are offered at many institutions. It is extremely important that you look up every course you have taken, plan to take, and/or are currently enrolled in to verify that they are equivalent courses. The responsibility is yours to enroll in equivalent courses and we