Physical Therapy (DPT)

Physical Therapy Doctoral Degree Program
School of Health Professions
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https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/physical-therapy/

Students who enter the MU Physical Therapy program will complete a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program.

Careers

The DPT degree is an entry-level clinical degree that prepares the student to enter the field of physical therapy as a general practitioner with a background in musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiovascular/pulmonary and integumentary systems.

Financial Aid from the Program

Students may apply for scholarships during the professional phase of the program. Check the program website or ask the program contact for availability and details.

Curriculum

Degree Requirements

All students admitted must maintain a 3.0 grade point average with no grade below C (2.0) in courses required for the degree. Failure to achieve a semester or professional cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in required courses will result in probation or dismissal from the program. Students are expected to maintain full-time enrollment in the curriculum and complete the degree requirements as outlined in the course of study. Any exception must be approved by departmental faculty. Students must demonstrate the personal behaviors and characteristics associated with optimal patient welfare and professional trust.

Prerequisites for the Doctoral Degree

Note: The DPT program accepts students to begin the professional program only for summer terms, which begin in June.

Admission to the DPT program is available through regular admission (applicants will have a bachelor’s degree prior to beginning the professional program) or through an early admission option that allows students to enter the professional program with 90 credit hours.

Regular admission applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA in the core required courses and the cumulative GPA in the last 60+ credit hours.

Students who enter without a bachelor’s degree must have satisfied general education and graduation requirements, including two Writing Intensive courses. These applicants must have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application.

On-campus interviews are required for admission to the professional program.

Applicants are notified of the selection committee’s decision by December.

All students are strongly encouraged to contact the School of Health Professions Student Affairs Office for advisement and planning well in advance of application.

Admission to the program is selective.

Plan of Study

The professional program is offered in sequential blocks and requires full-time enrollment for three academic years (including summer sessions), beginning in the summer session following acceptance. The curriculum contains foundational and clinical sciences combining traditional lectures and course work, laboratory sessions, problem-based learning classes and clinical education. More than 200 clinical sites in Missouri and beyond are available for supervised clinical education.

A graduate must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination to receive a license to practice in the United States. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Graduates are eligible for licensure anywhere in the United States.

Admission Contact Information
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Application and Admission Information

All applicants will apply to the Graduate Studies online admission process. Graduate School applications must be submitted and complete by September 30th.

The departmental application will be completed during the on-line admission process.

Students who are admitted without a degree will receive a bachelor’s degree upon completion of the first year of the program.

Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: N/A
Summer deadline: September 30

- Minimum TOEFL scores:

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• Minimum GPA: 3.0

**Required Application Materials**

*To Graduate Studies:*

• All required Office of Graduate Studies documents/application fee
• Departmental application/application fee
• 2 letters of recommendation as specified by the application instructions
• Curriculum Vitae (résumé) as specified by the application instructions
• Unoffical transcripts (year of application, summer grades must be recorded on transcript)
• GRE scores must be sent to MU, Institution Code R6875