DPT in Physical Therapy

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

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

Students who enter without a bachelor’s degree must have satisfied the MU general education and graduation requirements and taken two Writing Intensive courses at MU. These applicants must possess a 3.5 GPA.

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

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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School of Health Professions
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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 January 17th.

The departmental application will be uploaded as supplemental materials during the on-line admission process.

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

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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: N/A
Summer deadline: January 17

• Minimum TOEFL scores:

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• Minimum GPA: 3.0

Required Application Materials
To Graduate Studies:
• All required Graduate School documents/application fee

To the Program https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/physical-therapy
• Uploaded Departmental application/application fee
• 2 letters of recommendation as specified by the application instructions
• Curriculum Vitae (résumé) as specified by the application instructions
• Unofficial transcripts (year of application, fall grades must be recorded on transcript)
• GRE scores must be sent to MU