

Doctor of Physical Therapy

The professional curriculum is an intensive two-year, eight-month experience leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The principle focus of this professional training is to develop scientific and clinical expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of movement-related conditions. By integrating biomedical and physical sciences and clinical education with behavioral and social sciences, the DPT curriculum (PDF) (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/degrees-offerings/dpt/DPT-Viewbook-v10_GE-5.pdf) provides students with the scientific expertise, critical thinking skills and interpersonal communication abilities necessary for effective clinical practice, comprehensive treatment design, patient advocacy, patient education and health promotion.

Applicants for admission must have completed the following:

1. A bachelor's degree at an accredited institution
2. Prerequisite courses in biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy, physiology, psychology and statistics
3. Science, math/science, and core prerequisites with a grade-point average of at least 3.0

Visit our website for more information regarding application and admissions (<https://pt.wustl.edu/education/doctor-of-physical-therapy/application-admissions/>) or eligibility and prerequisites (<https://pt.wustl.edu/education/doctor-of-physical-therapy/eligibility-prerequisites/>).

DPT Curriculum

Year One, Fall

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 700	Learning, Health and Equity	1
PhysTher 701	Professions and Movement	1
PhysTher 702	Movement and Population Health	2
PhysTher 703A	Movement and Precision Health	10
PhysTher 731A	Patient and Client Care 1	0.5
PhysTher 732A	Knowledge for Practice 1	0.5
PhysTher 733A	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1	0.5
PhysTher 734A	Interpersonal & Communication Skills 1	0.5
PhysTher 735A	Professionalism 1	0.5
PhysTher 736A	Systems-Based Practice 1	0.5
PhysTher 737A	Interprofessional Collaboration 1	0.5
PhysTher 738A	Personal & Professional Development 1	0.5
Early Clinical Experience		

Year One, Spring

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 703B	Movement and Precision Health	1.5
PhysTher 731B	Patient and Client Care 1	0.5
PhysTher 732B	Knowledge for Practice 1	0.5
PhysTher 733B	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1	0.5
PhysTher 734B	Interpersonal & Communication Skills 1	0.5
PhysTher 735B	Professionalism 1	0.5
PhysTher 736B	Systems-Based Practice 1	0.5
PhysTher 737B	Interprofessional Collaboration 1	0.5
PhysTher 738B	Personal & Professional Development 1	0.5
Early Clinical Experience		

Year One, Summer

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 691	Clinical Experience I (8-week, full-time internship)	4

Year Two, Fall

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 710	Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of Movement-Related Problems	12
PhysTher 741A	Patient and Client Care 2	0.5
PhysTher 742A	Knowledge for Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 743A	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 2	0.5
PhysTher 744A	Interpersonal & Communication Skills 2	0.5
PhysTher 745A	Professionalism 2	0.5
PhysTher 746A	Systems-Based Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 747A	Interprofessional Collaboration 2	0.5
PhysTher 748A	Personal & Professional Development 2	0.5

Year Two, Winter

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 692	Clinical Experience II (8-week, full-time internship)	4
PhysTher 741B	Patient and Client Care 2	0.5
PhysTher 742B	Knowledge for Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 743B	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 2	0.5
PhysTher 744B	Interpersonal & Communication Skills 2	0.5
PhysTher 745B	Professionalism 2	0.5
PhysTher 746B	Systems-Based Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 747B	Interprofessional Collaboration 2	0.5
PhysTher 748B	Personal & Professional Development 2	0.5

Year Two, Spring

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 711	Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of Complex Movement-Related Problems	12
PhysTher 741C	Patient and Client Care 2	0.5
PhysTher 742C	Knowledge for Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 743C	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 2	0.5
PhysTher 744C	Interpersonal & Communication Skills 2	0.5
PhysTher 745C	Professionalism 2	0.5
PhysTher 746C	Systems-Based Practice 2	0.5
PhysTher 747C	Interprofessional Collaboration 2	0.5
PhysTher 748C	Personal & Professional Development 2	0.5

Year Three, Summer

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 693	Clinical Experience III (10-week, full-time internship)	5

Year Three, Fall

Code	Title	Units
PhysTher 694	Clinical Experience IV (12-week, full-time internship)	6

Year Three, Spring

Code	Title	Units
	Focused Clinical Study (30 hours)	