

# Physical Therapy



## WHY PACIFIC?

- Accelerated 25-month program
- Dissection-based anatomy with use of cadavers in subsequent courses
- Clinical internship opportunities throughout the U.S.
- Opportunities for exposure to patient care throughout program
- Enhanced experiential learning through structured service opportunities in Northern California and Latin America
- Small class sizes conducted in state-of-the-art facilities
- Pacific's educational experience focuses on student-centered, quality teaching

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Pacific's physical therapy program prepares lifelong learners who are skilled, reflective, autonomous practitioners. The program is committed to educating individuals who will be leaders within the profession advocating for optimal health, wellness and performance for all members of society.

We accomplish this through a concise program of study emphasizing evidence-based reasoning and creative skills grounded in the basic and clinical sciences. Pacific faculty are teacher-scholars whose areas of expertise encompass all major practice areas and who are committed to your success. Our academic program is enhanced by a wide variety of innovative clinical experiences and active involvement in professional societies.

Successful completion of an accredited program qualifies the graduate to take the licensing examination. Admission to the program is highly competitive and limited to 36 openings each year.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Meet Our Dedicated Faculty

Faculty areas of expertise encompass all major practice areas.

**Todd E. Davenport, DPT, OCS.** Associate Professor

Treatment for spine and extremity pain and overuse syndromes.

**Carl Fairburn, PT, DPT.** Assistant Professor

Efficacy of pulmonary interventions and early mobilization in the ICU.

**Jim Mansoor, PhD.** Professor

High altitude physiology and pulmonary diseases.

**Kathryn (Casey) Nesbit PT, DSc, DPT, PCS.** Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor

Environmental influences on adolescent obesity and clinical reasoning.

**Preeti D. Oza PT, PhD, NCS.** Assistant Professor

Motor control and rehabilitation.

**Cathy Peterson, PT, EdD.** Associate Professor

International learning, student preparedness, and academic administration.

**Tamara Phelan, PT, EdD, FAAOMPT.** Associate Professor

Measures of muscle performance and student learning outcomes.

**Sandra Reina-Guerra, PT, DPT, PCS.** Department Chair/Associate Professor

Rehabilitation of brachial plexus injuries.

**Kylie Rowe PT, DPT.** Assistant Clinical Professor

PT license portability and chronic pain.

## Financial Aid

Students may be eligible for three years of financial aid due to the Pacific DPT Program's unique configuration. Call 209.946.2421 for details.

## Find Out More

The Department of Physical Therapy conducts monthly information sessions for individuals interested in pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy. Call today to schedule your visit. **209.946.2886**

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in major of choice.
- Completion of prerequisite courses with grade C or above. Pass/fail courses not acceptable. All biology, chemistry and physics courses must include significant laboratory experience. It is recommended that prerequisite courses in biology, exercise physiology, anatomy and physiology be taken within 10 years of applying to the program
- At least 50 hours of experience in physical therapy practice settings, 25 of which must be in an acute care hospital (not a skilled nursing facility or transitional care unit).
- GRE test scores less than 5 years old.
- Personal interview.

## Prerequisites

- General Biology or Cell Biology with lab: 4 semester units/5-6 quarter hours min. OR 2 courses without lab (6 semester unit/9 quarter hours minimum)
- Human Anatomy with lab: 4 semester units/5-6 quarter hours min.
- Human Physiology with lab: 4 semester units/5-6 quarter hours min.
- General Chemistry with lab: 8 semester units/12 quarter hours min.
- General Physics with lab: 8 semester units/12 quarter hours min.
- Abnormal Psychology: 3 semester units/ 4-5 quarter hours min.
- Statistics: 3 semester units/ 4-5 quarter hours min.
- Exercise Physiology: 3 semester units/ 4-5 quarter hours min.
- Medical Terminology: 1-3 semester units/ 2-4 quarter hours min.

## Accreditation

The Physical Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.



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