

School of Health Sciences

Graduate Pathway Plan

DOCTOR IN PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pacific's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), offered by the School of Health Sciences, is an accredited graduate-level, cohort-model program designed to produce high-caliber, practice-ready physical therapists. Students work with doctorally-trained faculty members who possess clinical and basic science expertise in the four over-arching practice areas: Musculoskeletal/orthopedic, Neuromuscular, Cardiopulmonary, and Integumentary. Through our small cohort sizes of 36, students benefit from individualized faculty and advisor guidance to achieve academic success. Most students take the National Physical Therapy Licensure Exam in the 26th month and our graduates have achieved 100% employment, post-licensure.

STARTING TERM:

FALL

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 1

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum GPA 3.2
2. Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of "C".
3. Be accepted into the Pre-PT Advantage Program (between Year 2 and with at least 3 semesters remaining in undergraduate program)
4. Minimum of 100 hours of verified clinical observation hours, including 25 hours of acute care hospital observation experience.
5. Verified PTCAS Application by published application deadline
6. Minimum 4.0 GRE analytical writing score
7. Successful completion of a DPT admissions interview

= Guaranteed admission

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREA
BIO 041, BIO 51, OR BIO 061	GENERAL BIOLOGY
BIO 041, 051, 061, 072, 101, 122, 124, 126, 128, 134, 145, 147, 153, 162, OR 165,	ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BIOLOGY COURSE
BIO 170	ANATOMY

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREA
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
CHEM 025 <u>AND</u> CHEM 027	GENERAL CHEMISTRY
PHYS 023 <u>AND</u> PHYS 025	PHYSICS
PSYCH 017	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
MATH 035 <u>OR</u> MATH 037	STATISTICS
HESP 129	EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY
HESP 061	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

GRADUATE PREPARATION PLAN:

By following this graduate preparation plan, you will strengthen your preparation and chances for success in graduate study as well as enhance the depth and quality of your undergraduate learning experience.

Year 1:

1. Establish a career plan with Career Services Advisor
2. Create a LinkedIn account – connect with professional physical therapy-related groups/associations.
3. Join the Pre PT/OT Club to learn more about physical therapy
4. Attend a Pacific Grad Expo and connect with DPT program reps

Year 2:

1. Class planning check-in with Faculty Advisor
2. Join/ create a physical therapy-related student organization
3. Visit the Pacific Volunteer Center for assistance in finding opportunities to start earning volunteer observation hours at local physical therapy sites.
4. Continue active participation in Pre PT/OT Club
5. Register for Pre-PT Advantage Program (Spring semester)

Year 3:

1. Discuss DPT pre-requisites with Faculty Advisor
2. Check-in with Career Services to discuss progress towards career goals
3. Attend a Pacific DPT information session to learn more about the program
4. Continue earning volunteer observation hours at local physical therapy sites.
5. Pursue a leadership role in Pre-PT/OT Club
6. Begin studying for GRE Exam

Year 4:

1. Identify faculty/ advisor/ PT recommenders for PTCAS application (Fall semester)
2. Discuss degree progress and graduation with Faculty Advisors (Fall semester)
3. Do a mock graduate school interview as a member of the Pre PT/OT Club (Fall semester)
4. Attend a PTCAS application workshop
5. Take (final) GRE exam no later than October 1st.
6. Continue a leadership role in the Pre-PT/OT Club
7. Attend a Grad Financial Aid workshop
8. Complete remaining volunteer observation hours at local physical therapy sites.