

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

= GUARANTEED ADMISSION INTERVIEW

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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
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

Four-Year DPT Preparation Plan

This four-year plan will strengthen your preparation for and success in the DPT program as well as enhance the depth, focus, and quality of your Pacific undergraduate experience.

	Academic Program Planning	Make Community Connections	Build Cultural Competence	Gain Career Experience	Post-Graduation Prep
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establish a preliminary course plan with your academic advisor. - Learn about Pathway Program support services. - Start building relationships with faculty and staff in your department. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join the PT/ OT student club. -Visit Pacific Volunteer Center to find volunteer opportunities. - Arrange an informal interview with a physical therapist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join a culturally-engaging campus or community group. -Attend a study abroad info session to learn about study abroad opportunities. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meet your Career Services Pre-Health advisor. - Take a career assessment test. - Develop your professional resume. -Set up a Handshake account. - Shadow 1-2 physical therapists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learn about DPT program admission requirements. - Attend a DPT information session and grad fair to get initial contact with program. -Set up a LinkedIn account. -Connect with DPT program's social media channels.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with your academic advisor. -Discuss research interests and opportunities with your academic advisor. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for a service-learning course or continue volunteering at a local non-profit organization. -Seek a leadership role in the PT/ OT Club. - Join an academic or social fraternity/sorority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Begin PT job shadowing/ observation hours. - Get a summer internship or job in a physical therapy practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a graduate school fair at Pacific. - Research PTCAS application requirements and processes. -Visit DPT program facilities and talk with faculty and grad admission staff.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with academic advisor. -Join an undergraduate research project. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek a president/vice-president-level leadership role in the PT/OT Club or other student club. - Plan club/ community events that align with your personal goals. - Become involved in mentoring in your student club or volunteer organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in additional cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Continue job shadowing/ PT observation hours. -Attend a physical therapy conference or workshop event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Network with current DPT graduate students. - Pre-select faculty and employer recommenders for your graduate application. - Begin studying for the GRE Exam.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduation check with academic advisor. -Continue involvement in at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Connect with a DPT admission counselor. -Continue leadership and mentoring roles in the PT/OT student club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in a cultural competency, anti-racism, or DEI training/course. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update your resume and participate in Career Center workshops (mock interviews, cover letter writing, etc.) - Continue gaining PT observation hours and work experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a PTCAS and Graduate Financial Aid workshop event. - Complete your PTCAS application (work with a graduate admission advisor to assist you). - Take (final) GRE exam no later than October 1. - Complete an updated FAFSA form.