

Doctor of Physical Therapy

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

The School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University offers a program leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The entry-level DPT program at TWU has been granted accreditation until June 30, 2022 by the Commission for Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) www.capteonline.org. TWU is a co-ed public university. Our program begins in the fall (late August) of every year. Upon completing our DPT program, a licensure exam is required to practice. TWU prepares you to take the National PT Exam (NPTE) and licensure in the state of Texas. Additional requirements may be necessary to transfer your licensure to another state.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Physical therapists are known for their expertise in treating disorders of movement caused by musculoskeletal or neurodevelopmental problems throughout the lifespan. Physical therapists may be generalists or may specialize in various areas of patient care such as orthopedics, sports medicine, pediatrics, women's health, cardiac disorders, burn and wound care, and long-term rehabilitation. They direct continuing education programs, teach in universities, or may work as researchers, managers, entrepreneurs and consultants. The job outlook for physical therapists is projected to be excellent during the next decade.

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DPT PROGRAM

Our DPT program requires 8 semesters of full-time (including summers) graduate study (beyond a bachelor's degree) over 33 months and is offered on both the Dallas and Houston campuses. The degree is 98 credit hours of graduate study with 32 weeks of clinical experiences. TWU has more than 400 clinical sites across the USA. TWU also is a member of SARA, nc-sara.org. Additional expenses for travel, room and board may be incurred during clinical rotations.

FACULTY

Our faculty members are leaders in the PT profession in research, teaching and service. The majority of full-time faculty members hold Ph.D. or D.Sc. degrees. Many faculty members also are board-certified specialists who maintain active clinical practices. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1:13.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A bachelor's degree in any area must be completed with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit semester hours. Prerequisites must be a grade of C or better with a typical accepted student having mostly As. It is highly recommended that students complete the lab courses hands-on. Dissection experience is essential to prepare for gross anatomy cadaver lab in the DPT program.

PREREQUISITE GPA INCLUDES:

- ▶ Chemistry I & II with labs (8 credits)
- ▶ Physics I & II with labs (8 credits)
- ▶ Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs (8 credits)
OR Anatomy with lab (4 credits)
AND General Physiology with lab (4 credits)
- ▶ College Algebra or Pre-calculus or Calculus (3 credits) (not Statistics)



ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITE COURSES:

- ▶ Introductory/General Psychology (3 credits)
- ▶ Lifespan Developmental, Abnormal or Physiological Psychology (3 credits)
- ▶ Medical Terminology (1-3 credits) or Certification course approved by department
- ▶ GRE exam (sent to code 1673)
- ▶ A minimum 80 hours observing 2 PTs from differently owned facilities (40 hours each). Applicants must have both inpatient and outpatient experiences. (Letters of recommendation from PTs submitted through PTCAS)
- ▶ Third recommendation may be from employer, professor or third PT from a third facility (Submitted through PTCAS)
- ▶ TOEFL – with minimum scores in each area, only if bachelor's degree is not from the USA. Contact school for details.

Highly recommended courses: exercise physiology, neuroanatomy & physiology, statistics and upper-level anatomy or physiology.

APPLICATION CYCLE

The application cycle is a year in advance. The PTCAS application opens **July 1** for the program beginning the fall of the next year. Each applicant must submit the following before the **deadline on or near October 15** (see website for exact date):

- ▶ Online graduate application to TWU on Apply Texas www.applytexas.org with fee
- ▶ Online application on PTCAS www.ptcas.org with fee and TWU supplemental materials completed (essay, campus preference)
- ▶ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended sent to both TWU and PTCAS
- ▶ Resume uploaded to PTCAS
- ▶ Prerequisite form twu.edu/physical-therapy/forms.asp uploaded to PTCAS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial aid is available based on completing the FAFSA. A limited number of scholarships also are available. Applicants must apply by March 15 prior to the program's start date.



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