

# Doctor of Physical Therapy

# College of Health & Human Services

Today, the demands on physical therapists are greater than ever.

Students in the **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** program at Governors State University will be well-prepared to meet those demands. We offer excellent instruction and challenging experiences. Our curriculum is grounded both in today's practice and in the profession's expanding role in patient care.

The DPT coursework will provide you with the substantial base of knowledge you'll need to enter the profession. You'll gain a thorough understanding of the human body, the nature of injury and the interventions that lead to improved function and recovery.

## How to Apply

**Admission to the DPT program is competitive**, and only a limited number of applicants are admitted. Each applicant's strengths will be evaluated against a number of factors associated with successful completion of our program.\*

**The application deadline is October 15** for admission to the program in the following Summer term. Applications received by the October 15 deadline will be given full consideration.

Applications to the DPT are submitted through a centralized application service at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org).

## Learn More!

Visit [www.govst.edu/chhs/dpt/doctorate](http://www.govst.edu/chhs/dpt/doctorate), or contact Dr. Dave Diers at 708.235.2232 or [ddiers@govst.edu](mailto:ddiers@govst.edu).

\*Graduates must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) as a prerequisite to state licensure.

## FACT

Physical Therapists are projected to be in great demand, with employment opportunities growing by more than 28 percent through 2026. (Source: *U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*)



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## Special Admission Requirements\*

**In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:**

Have a bachelor's degree, any major, with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale; achieve a minimum of 1,000 points combined on the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE); or 300 on the GRE revised General Test; and have appropriate prerequisite course work with a minimum prerequisite G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Prerequisite Course Work

**The following courses (in semester credit-hours) or their equivalents are minimum prerequisites for entry into the DPT program:**

- General biology with lab (8) (BIOL 1500, 1501, 1510, 1511)
- General Chemistry with lab (8) (CHEM 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144)
- One additional biology or chemistry course with lab (4). This must be a 2000-level or higher course, such as Organic Chemistry with lab (CHEM 3531, CHEM 3532), Cell Biology with lab (BIOL 3370, BIOL 3371)
- Anatomy with lab (4-8); two-semester sequence of 1000-level Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab (8) (BIOL 2200, 2201, 2210, 2211) OR one semester of 2000-level or higher with lab (4) such as Comparative Anatomy (BIOL 3360 / BIOL 3361)
- General Physics with lab (8) (PHYS 2141, 2142) and PHYS 2143, 2144
- Statistics (3) (STAT 4219)
- Medical Terminology (1) (HLSC 2400) or Computer Application: Medical Terminology for the Health Professional (OCCT 2400)
- General Psychology (3) (PSYC 1101)
- Abnormal Psychology (3) (PSYC 3430)
- Developmental Psychology (3) (PSYC 2201)
- Orientation to Physical Therapy (2) (PHYT 2320)

## Degree Requirements

**Required Courses: (117 Hours)**

### Basic Sciences:

PHYT 6601 Gross Anatomy I (3)  
PHYT 6602 Gross Anatomy I Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6611 Gross Anatomy II (3)  
PHYT 6612 Gross Anatomy II Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6627 Neuroscience for Physical Therapy (3)  
PHYT 6628 Neuroscience for Physical Therapy Laboratory (1)  
BIOL 7706 Physiology of Disease I (3)  
BIOL 7707 Physiology of Disease I Laboratory (1)  
BIOL 7716 Physiology of Disease II (4)

### Physical Therapy:

PHYT 6701 Patient Management I (2)  
PHYT 6702 Patient Management I Laboratory (1)


PHYT 6705 Movement Analysis I (2)  
PHYT 6706 Movement Analysis I Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6710 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar (1)  
PHYT 6711 Patient Management II (2)  
PHYT 6712 Patient Management II Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6715 Movement Analysis II (2)  
PHYT 6716 Movement Analysis II Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6720 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar II (1)  
PHYT 6721 Patient Management III (2)  
PHYT 6722 Patient Management III Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 6724 Pharmacology for Physical Therapists (2)  
PHYT 7717 Clinical Orthopedics I (2)  
PHYT 7718 Clinical Orthopedics I Laboratory I  
PHYT 7727 Physical and Electrical Agents Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 7728 Physical and Electrical Agents in Physical Therapy (2)  
PHYT 7729 Clinical Practicum (3)  
PHYT 7730 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar III (1)  
PHYT 7737 Clinical Orthopedics II (2)  
PHYT 7738 Clinical Orthopedics II Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 7740 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar IV (1)  
PHYT 6742 Psychomotor Development Throughout the Lifespan (3)  
PHYT 6743 Research in Physical Therapy Practice (3)  
PHYT 6745 Exercise Physiology (2)  
PHYT 6746 Exercise Physiology Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 7755 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy (3)  
PHYT 7756 Neuroscience Therapeutics I (2)  
PHYT 7757 Neuroscience Therapeutics I Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 7760 Interaction and Education for Patient Care (3)  
PHYT 7762 Integumentary Physical Therapy (3)  
PHYT 7766 Neuroscience Therapeutics II (2)  
PHYT 7767 Neuroscience Therapeutics II Laboratory (1)  
PHYT 7770 Ethical, Leadership and Policy Dimensions of Physical Therapy (3)  
PHYT 7772 Orthotics and Prosthetics (2)  
PHYT 7780 Physical Therapy in the Health Care Team (3)  
PHYT 7782 Diagnostic Imaging for Physical Therapy (2)  
PHYT 9783 Applied Research in Physical Therapy (2)  
PHYT 7786 Physical Therapy Management of Medical/Surgical Conditions (2)  
PHYT 7788 Comprehensive Patient Management (3)  
PHYT 8792 Wellness and Human Performance (3)  
PHYT 8801 Clinical Internship I (4)  
PHYT 8802 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar V (1)  
PHYT 8803 Clinical Internship II (4)  
PHYT 8804 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar VI (1)  
PHYT 9805 Clinical Internship III (4)  
PHYT 9807 Clinical Internship IV (5)  
PHYT 9808 Integrative Physical Therapy Seminar VII (1)

### Selective (2 hours)

PHYT 8811 Current Issues in Physical Therapy (2)

In addition to completing the required courses, students must also satisfactorily complete all clinical internships in a variety of settings and complete and present a graduate research project.

**Total: 119 Hours**

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