

Addendum to the Baylor University 2021-2022 Graduate School Catalog

Effective Summer 2021

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Baylor University DPT program develops future Doctors of Physical Therapy who are skilled, compassionate, and evidence-based clinicians; passionate in their pursuit of knowledge and professional development; and servant leaders to their community and profession. The program is 24 months in length and includes a blend of online coursework (synchronous and asynchronous), face-to-face lab immersion instruction, and clinical education. The core curriculum of foundational science, clinical science, and patient and practice management courses is delivered in a hybrid learning environment that optimizes technology and web-based teaching strategies for foundational didactics, integrates critical psychomotor skill development during onsite lab immersion sessions, and incorporates a structured and collaborative clinical education program. The DPT curriculum integrates course content and assignments that emphasize collaboration, critical thinking, research, and student accountability. The curriculum is tailored to provide a balance of theoretical, practical, and analytical instruction to prepare students for the unique challenges of healthcare in the 21st century.

Admission Requirements

The Baylor University Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program is designed for qualified individuals who wish to further their academic studies in the field of physical therapy. The program specifically targets traditional and nontraditional students with the demonstrated potential to navigate the academic rigors of an accelerated, hybrid-learning curriculum. Students accepted into the DPT Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to classes beginning. Admission may be granted pending completion of the degree.
2. Completion of all prerequisite coursework with a grade of "C-" or above, to include: Biology with laboratory recommended (6 semester hours), Chemistry with laboratory (8 semester hours), Physics with laboratory (8 semester hours), Human Anatomy and Physiology with laboratory (8 semester hours), Statistics (3 semester hours), Psychology (3 semester hours), Abnormal or Developmental Psychology (3 semester hours), and English Composition or Writing (3 semester hours). Applicants must complete Anatomy and Physiology courses within the last 5 years prior to application.
3. Minimum cumulative and prerequisite course GPA of 3.00.
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) completed within the last 5 years.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from a licensed physical therapist and one from someone of the applicant's choice.
6. Completion of a minimum of 100 hours of observation, volunteer, or work experience with a licensed physical therapist in at least two practice settings is recommended. Examples of different practice settings include: outpatient clinics; acute care hospitals; inpatient rehabilitation facilities; skilled nursing, extended care, or subacute facilities; home health; pediatric

- (community-based, inpatient, or outpatient); wound care; and hospice care.
7. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or Duolingo exam is required for all applicants for whom English is not their first language or have completed a degree and prerequisite courses in a foreign country.
 8. Completion of a Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) application and a Baylor University Graduate School supplemental application.
 9. Personal interview.
 10. Fulfill Technical Standards with or without accommodation.
 11. Background Check prior to matriculation.

A full description of the DPT Program admission requirements and technical standards are provided at www.baylor.edu/dpt.

Program Accreditation Status

The Baylor University Doctor of Physical Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Curriculum

The professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree requires students to complete 127 semester credit hours of coursework in 6 continuous academic trimesters over a 24-month period. Spring and Summer trimesters are 15 weeks and the Fall semester is 17 weeks in length. Students are enrolled into the DPT program as a cohort and complete required courses in a prescribed, sequential manner. Course sequencing within the curriculum is designed to optimize the student's ability to learn and integrate course material into future didactic and clinical education experiences. The curriculum is dynamic to keep abreast with best evidence in both clinical and educational practice.

Semester One

DPT 6300	Human Physiology
DPT 6400	Physical Therapy Fundamentals
DPT 6410	Human Anatomy I
DPT 6310	Health Promotion and Fitness Management
DPT 6100	Professional Competencies I
DPT 6200	Evidence Based Practice I
DPT 6430	Human Anatomy II
DPT 6390	Movement Science

24 semester hours

Semester Two

DPT 6500	Musculoskeletal Practice I
DPT 6331	Therapeutic Interventions I
DPT 6440	Musculoskeletal Practice II
DPT 6230	Evidence Based Practice II
DPT 6450	Clinical Neuroscience
DPT 6210	Therapeutic Interventions II
DPT 6220	Bracing, Orthotics, and Prosthetics

22 semester hours

Semester Three

DPT 6510	Musculoskeletal Practice III
DPT 6320	Neuromuscular Practice I
DPT 6380	Management of the Aging Adult
DPT 6460	Musculoskeletal Practice IV
DPT 6340	Neuromuscular Practice II
DPT 6240	Mindful Patient Management
DPT 6470	Cardiopulmonary Practice

24 semester hours

Semester Four

DPT 6810	Physical Therapy Practice I
DPT 6530	Management of Complex Patients
DPT 6350	Management of the Pediatric Patient
DPT 6260	Pharmacology
DPT 6280	Advanced Diagnostics

20 semester hours

Semester Five		19 semester hours
DPT 6360	Advanced Therapeutic Interventions	
DPT 6250	Integrative Pain Sciences	
DPT 6290	Primary Care Physical Therapy	
DPT 6820	Physical Therapy Practice II	
DPT 6370	Business Management and Entrepreneurship	
DPT 6110	Capstone I	
Semester Six		18 semester hours
DPT 6V10	Physical Therapy Practice III	
DPT 6120	Capstone II	
DPT 6270	Professional Competencies II	

Hybrid Learning Model

The DPT curriculum is delivered in a hybrid-learning approach using online instruction, onsite lab immersion instruction, and clinical education. Online, distance-based education comprises 55% (70 credits) of the overall curriculum. The program's didactic courses are completed using a combination of asynchronous and synchronous class activities to provide a quality, rigorous, and flexible learning experience for a diverse student body of traditional and nontraditional students. Onsite laboratory immersion sessions comprise 21% (26 credits) of the curriculum. Onsite instructional time each academic semester is consolidated into 6- to 14-day lab immersion sessions that are conducted at facilities in Waco, TX, or Dallas, TX. These lab sessions focus on the development of critical communication, problem solving, clinical reasoning, and psychomotor skills that are required for effective patient and physical therapy practice management. Clinical education comprises 24% (31 credits) of the overall curriculum and consists of an 8-week clinical experience in the 4th academic trimester, an 8-week experience in the 5th trimester, and a 15-week experience in the 6th trimester. During these clinical experiences, students are paired with clinical practices both regionally and nationwide to offer a collaborative, structured learning environment that oversees the student's professional development and transition to an entry-level practitioner.

Graduation Requirements

For a student to graduate from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, the student must be in a good academic and professional standing, have had satisfactory progress in all semesters of the academic program, and satisfactorily complete the following:

1. Successfully complete the required credit hours of academic and clinical education course work.
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above.
3. Achieve a "Pass" or letter grade of "C" (70%) or better in all academic and clinical courses as stipulated within each course syllabus. To successfully pass DPT 6295 Capstone Course prior to graduation, the student will need to achieve an "on track to pass" or higher score on at least on Practice Exam and Assessment Tool (PEAT) from The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Complete course requirements for DPT 6295 Capstone Course are located in the course syllabus.
4. Achieve entry-level competence as a physical therapist, as demonstrated on the Physical Therapist Clinical Performance Instrument (PT CPI).
5. Exhibit professional behaviors consistent with clinical practice as described in the Professional Behaviors, APTA Core Values, and the Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist, and the Technical Standards within the DPT Student Handbook.