

DPT Addendum for 2023-2024 Catalog

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 professional physical therapist education in a hybrid learning environment. Baylor receives applications exclusively through the Physical Therapist Central Application Service (PTCAS), provided by the American Physical Therapy Association. Students accepted into the DPT Program must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to the program start date. Admission may be granted pending completion of the degree.
2. Completion of all required prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and prerequisite course GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.00 scale.
 - Biology (6 semester hours/8 quarter hours) laboratories are recommended, but not required
 - Chemistry with laboratory (8 semester hours/12 quarter hours)
 - General Physics with laboratory (8 semester hours/12 quarter hours)
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology with laboratory (8 semester hours/12 quarter hours)
 - Statistics (3 semester hours/4 quarter hours)
 - Any Psychology (3 semester hours/4 quarter hours)
 - Abnormal or Developmental Psychology (3 semester hours/4 quarter hours)
 - English Composition or Writing (3 semester hours/4 quarter hours)

All prerequisite coursework must be completed at regionally accredited colleges and universities. For a list of regional accrediting organizations and accredited institutions, please visit the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) website.

Grades Below "C-" in prerequisite courses will not be accepted.

If a prerequisite course is repeated, the credit hours assigned to the course may be counted only once in fulfilling the required number of hours. The prerequisite GPA will be determined using the highest course grade achieved; however, both grades will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.

If cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, an applicant may still be eligible for admission if a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or greater has been achieved over the last 60 semester or 90 quarter hour credits of coursework.

Baylor DPT will accept passing (P) coursework for the Spring and Summer 2020 semesters in instances where Pass/Fail grades were given due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be completed within five years of the anticipated program start date.

Applicants with a documented graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution may report earlier GRE scores. Transcripts of graduate education must be provided.

4. Submission of two references. Applicants must arrange for references to submit letters of recommendation electronically through the PTCAS system. One reference must be a licensed physical therapist.
5. Observation hours are strongly recommended, but not required. The Baylor DPT Admissions Committee recommends the completion of 100 observation hours, volunteer hours, or work hours with a licensed physical therapist in at least two different practice settings. Examples of practice settings include: outpatient clinics; acute care hospitals; inpatient rehabilitation facilities; skilled nursing facilities; home health care; and hospice care.
6. The Baylor DPT program accepts U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents and international students with many types of visas including H, L, R, F, J (but not B).

International students will be required to submit a World Education Services (WES) report along with international transcripts to PTCAS for all coursework completed outside the US.

Applicants whose native language is not English or who have completed a degree and prerequisite courses outside of the United States must demonstrate English language proficiency through completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam.

7. Successful completion of an admission interview. Applicants are selected for interviews based on a holistic evaluation of their application and supporting materials.
8. Ability to fulfill the technical standards for admission.
9. Complete an approved background check prior to matriculation.

10. Requirements for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

11. The professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree requires students to complete 96 semester credit hours of coursework in 6 continuous academic trimesters over a 24-month period. 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.

Code	Title
<u>DPT 6100</u>	Professional Physical Therapist Practice I
<u>DPT 6110</u>	Doctoral Synthesis I
<u>DPT 6120</u>	Doctoral Synthesis II
<u>DPT 6151</u>	Pain Science
<u>DPT 6212</u>	Functional Movement
<u>DPT 6214</u>	Clinical Medicine I
<u>DPT 6220</u>	Bracing, Prosthetics, and Orthotics
<u>DPT 6221</u>	Clinical Medicine II
<u>DPT 6270</u>	Professional Physical Therapist Practice II
<u>DPT 6300</u>	Human Physiology
<u>DPT 6310</u>	Health and Wellness Promotion
<u>DPT 6331</u>	Physical Therapy Interventions
<u>DPT 6350</u>	Pediatrics
<u>DPT 6360</u>	Clinical Integration II
<u>DPT 6370</u>	Business Principles for the Physical Therapist
<u>DPT 6421</u>	Clinical Research
<u>DPT 6431</u>	Aging Adult

Code	Title
<u>DPT 6441</u>	Clinical Experience I
<u>DPT 6442</u>	Clinical Experience II
<u>DPT 6450</u>	Applied Neuroscience
<u>DPT 6470</u>	Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems
<u>DPT 6530</u>	Clinical Integration I
<u>DPT 6531</u>	Neuromuscular System
<u>DPT 6540</u>	Physical Therapy Examination
<u>DPT 6610</u>	Human Anatomy
<u>DPT 6620</u>	Musculoskeletal System I
<u>DPT 6630</u>	Musculoskeletal System II
<u>DPT 6710</u>	Clinical Experience III

Total Hours

Course List

Year 1

SPRING TRIMESTER		HOURS
<u>DPT 6100</u>	Professional Physical Therapist Practice I	1
<u>DPT 6212</u>	Functional Movement	2
<u>DPT 6214</u>	Clinical Medicine I	2
<u>DPT 6300</u>	Human Physiology	3
<u>DPT 6540</u>	Physical Therapy Examination	5
<u>DPT 6610</u>	Human Anatomy	6
Hours		19
SUMMER TRIMESTER		
<u>DPT 6620</u>	Musculoskeletal System I	6
<u>DPT 6221</u>	Clinical Medicine II	2
<u>DPT 6331</u>	Physical Therapy Interventions	3
<u>DPT 6421</u>	Clinical Research	4
<u>DPT 6450</u>	Applied Neuroscience	4
Hours		19
FALL TRIMESTER		
<u>DPT 6630</u>	Musculoskeletal System II	6
<u>DPT 6431</u>	Aging Adult	4
<u>DPT 6470</u>	Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems	4
<u>DPT 6531</u>	Neuromuscular System	5
Hours		19

Year 2

SPRING TRIMESTER		
<u>DPT 6220</u>	Bracing, Prosthetics, and Orthotics	2
<u>DPT 6350</u>	Pediatrics	3
<u>DPT 6441</u>	Clinical Experience I	4
<u>DPT 6530</u>	Clinical Integration I	5

	Hours	14
SUMMER TRIMESTER		
<u>DPT 6110</u>	Doctoral Synthesis I	1
<u>DPT 6151</u>	Pain Science	1
<u>DPT 6310</u>	Health and Wellness Promotion	3
<u>DPT 6360</u>	Clinical Integration II	3
<u>DPT 6370</u>	Business Principles for the Physical Therapist	3
<u>DPT 6442</u>	Clinical Experience II	4
	Hours	15
FALL TRIMESTER		
<u>DPT 6120</u>	Doctoral Synthesis II	1
<u>DPT 6270</u>	Professional Physical Therapist Practice II	2
<u>DPT 6710</u>	Clinical Experience III	7
	Hours	10
	Total Hours	96