DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

DPT 6100 Professional Physical Therapist Practice I (1)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy program
This course introduces the physical therapy profession, history, physical therapist roles, contemporary professional issues and advocacy, and the APTA. The student explores professional ethics and values, communication/collaboration, and cultural competence. Students self-reflect on their own values and mission to develop personal leadership and begin their journey as physical therapists and their lifelong professional identity development.

DPT 6110 Doctoral Synthesis I (1)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 4 courses
This course comprehensively reviews body systems, pathophysiological mechanisms, examination procedures, and management strategies consistent with evidence-based practice and clinical guidelines. Students participate in independent study and sample examinations with a musculoskeletal and neuromuscular systems focus, preparing students for an exit examination based on FSBPT Content Outline.

DPT 6120 Capstone II (1)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 5 courses
Builds upon DPT 6110 Capstone I to integrate prior coursework and clinical experiences. Comprehensively reviews body systems, pathophysiological mechanisms, examination procedures, and management strategies consistent with evidence-based practice and clinical guidelines. Focuses on cardiovascular, pulmonary, other-systems, and non-systems domains. Culminates in completion of an exit examination based on the FSBPT Content Outline.

DPT 6151 Pain Science (1)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Semester 4 DPT courses
This course introduces students to managing patients with chronic pain syndromes and associated psychosocial factors using emerging and contemporary concepts of assessment, education, treatment, and outcomes. Current best practice techniques and research are integrated to provide discussion of the multi-dimensional and multi-disciplinary nature of chronic pain, to enhance evidence-informed patient care, and to advance societal health.

DPT 6212 Functional Movement (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
This course introduces students to the science of movement and movement analysis. It begins by introducing physical therapy as a movement profession that uses the International Classification of Function, Disability and Health as vital in the process of clinical decision making. This course emphasizes concepts of neuroplasticity, theories of motor control, motor development, and motor learning.

DPT 6214 Clinical Medicine I (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
This course introduces and integrates the initiation of medical screening, pathophysiology, diagnostic imaging principles and techniques, and pharmacotherapeutics across various practice settings. The application uses a system-based approach to identify disabilities across the lifespan.
DPT 6351 Clinical Integration I (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 3 courses
This course expands on student knowledge from previous patient management courses integrating concepts of clinical reasoning in those with multiple co-morbidities and systems-based impairments. Emphasis is placed on integumentary/wound care, oncologic rehabilitation, edema management, and higher level systems dysfunction. Learning consists of case and problem-based learning in multiple care settings to prepare students for clinical practice.

DPT 6360 Clinical Integration II (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 4 courses
This course advances student clinical reasoning, examination, differential diagnosis, and interventions for an interdependent practitioner across the lifespan in various clinical settings. Course activities emphasize mindful, wholistic, and evidence-based physical therapist management of patients. Lab activities culminate in a comprehensive practical examination.

DPT 6370 Business Principles for the Physical Therapist (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 4 courses
This course provides an overview of practice management fundamentals and applies principles to various aspects of leadership and personal development, strategic planning, and business operations. Students gain knowledge in health care management, leadership, strategic planning, human resources, finance, organizational structures, and fiscal management as they relate to physical therapy practice.

DPT 6421 Clinical Research (4)

DPT 6431 Aging Adult (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 2 courses
This course introduces the management of the aging adult across inpatient and outpatient clinical settings. Topics include normal physiology of aging and common pathologies seen with aging. Coursework emphasizes understanding of ageism, frailty, fall risk, fall prevention, management of falls, and home environmental assessments, along with adaptations of interventions for the older adult.

DPT 6441 Clinical Experience I (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 3 courses
This course is a full time (8-week) clinical experience, supervised by clinical faculty, during which students develop patient examination and intervention skills. Students are expected to demonstrate professionalism and progress towards competency as clinicians as rated on the Clinical Internship Evaluation Tool. Students work to enhance communication skills and integrate evidence-based management of patient care.

DPT 6450 Applied Neuroscience (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 1 courses
This course builds on prior knowledge of anatomical cellular structure and function. Emphasis is placed on the central and peripheral nervous system regulation of movement and movement impairments that present from nervous system pathology. Lab activities apply foundational knowledge of neuroscience to the neurologic screen and a comprehensive neurological examination. Common outcome measures and assessment tools are introduced.

DPT 6451 Clinical Experience II (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 4 courses, and demonstrated readiness for clinical education progression as determined by faculty
This course is a full time (8-week) clinical experience, supervised by clinical faculty, during which students develop patient examination and intervention skills. Students are expected to demonstrate professionalism and progress towards competency as clinicians as rated on the Clinical Internship Evaluation Tool. Students work to enhance communication skills and integrate evidence-based management of patient care.

DPT 6470 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 2 courses
This course expands students’ knowledge of how the cardiovascular, pulmonary, and metabolic systems impact human movement across various practice settings. Students learn, apply, and integrate assessment and management of system impairments into the clinical reasoning framework. Lab activities include ECG analysis, exercise testing, heart and lung auscultation, pulmonary function testing, and chest examination.

DPT 6531 Neuromuscular System (5)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 2 courses
This course applies clinical management to the patient with central and peripheral neurologic conditions. Emphasis of this course is on functional movement restoration using the clinical reasoning framework. Laboratory activities concentrate on psychomotor skills for functional interventions, therapeutic exercise, and neuromuscular reeducation. Topics explore concepts of evidence-informed practice across the lifespan.

DPT 6540 Physical Therapy Examination (5)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy program
This course introduces interview, tests and measures, communication, and documentation skills used in physical therapist practice across multiple clinical settings. Lab activities include psychomotor skill training for vital signs, goniometry, muscle testing, anthropometric measures, and functional mobility skills inclusive of transfers and gait training with assistive devices.

DPT 6610 Human Anatomy (6)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
This course introduces gross human anatomy and the anatomical basis for various movement system impairments, and prepares the learner for future application and growth across the didactic and clinical learning experiences. Topics include exploration of embryology, histology, and functional anatomy. Laboratory experiences include 3-dimensional anatomy software, cadaver projections, living/surface anatomy, and anatomical models.

DPT 6620 Musculoskeletal System I (6)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Trimester 1 courses
This course introduces biomechanics, functional movement, and patient management principles of the spine, ribcage, and hip region. Emphasis of this course builds on prior learned anatomical structures and patient management using the clinical reasoning framework. Lab activities concentrate on psychomotor skills for examination, manual therapy, and therapeutic exercise. Topics explore concepts of evidence-informed practice across the lifespan.
DPT 6630  Musculoskeletal System II (6)
Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of all Semester 2 coursework or permission of Program Director
This course introduces biomechanics, functional movement, and patient management principles of the lower and upper extremities. This course builds on prior learned anatomical structures and concepts related to patient management, using the clinical reasoning framework. Lab activities focus on psychomotor skills for examination, manual therapy, and therapeutic exercise. Topics explore concepts of evidence-informed practice across the lifespan.

DPT 6V10  Physical Therapy Practice III (15)
Pre-requisite(s): Completion of semester 5 courses
Demonstrated readiness for clinical education progressions (as determined by faculty). Progresses student to entry-level patient management skills during a fifteen-week mentored clinical internship. Students refine interpersonal communication and professional socialization skills with patients/clients, family, and healthcare staff. Develops advanced evidence-based patient management and clinical reasoning skills. PT CPI performance expectations are at entry-level by the conclusion of internship.

DPT 6V20  Independent Study (1-3)
This course is organized as a variable credit (one-credit, two-credit, or three-credit) independent study course under the supervision of an assigned faculty member. It is designed to meet student-specific need and provides the student with an opportunity to receive direct interaction and guidance from a faculty member. This course integrates the core courses and elective courses within the DPT curriculum.