



The University of Delaware's **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** Program is a physical therapist educational program housed within the University of Delaware College of Health Sciences. Renowned faculty prepare students to be entry-level practitioners capable of pursuing a specialty area or transitioning into graduate studies within the research environment. DPT Program faculty are firmly committed to leading the profession in rehabilitation research, clinical practice, and didactic instruction.

The UDPT Program is well-resourced and intentionally-designed. Contemporary instruction by content experts blends seamlessly with the practice philosophies displayed in our state-of-the-art, on-site physical therapy clinics wherein all students are trained. Clinically-oriented courses draw extensively from primary source research and build upon the strong foundation established through the basic science coursework.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Our program is ranked #1 in the nation by US News and World Report. We offer a 2.5-year DPT degree and post-graduate education, including six residency and fellowship programs and an interdisciplinary PhD in Biomechanics and Movement Science. The Department prepares a diverse workforce of physical therapists capable of top-of-license practice.
- Within the last five years, 100% of UDPT graduates passed the national licensure exam, many prior to graduation. In addition, 100% of UDPT graduates secured employment or engaged in residency or PhD training.
- UDPT's academic, clinical, and research activities occur at the STAR Campus with collaborative spaces and modern technologies, including a state-of-the-art anatomy lab. Board-certified and PhD-prepared educators, researchers, and clinicians provide instruction supplemented by inter-professional collaborations, high-fidelity simulations, and service learning.
- Students receive hands-on training in two full-service physical therapy clinics wherein classroom theory and research findings are immediately applied to patient care. Clinical education contracts with outstanding facilities throughout the United States ensure students refine their delivery of high-quality, evidence-supported care.

TO APPLY

Acceptance into the UDPT program is based on academic excellence at the undergraduate level, GRE performance, evidence of physical therapy clinical experience, a required essay, an interview (by invitation only) and three letters of recommendation.

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Verbal and quantitative GRE scores
- 100 hours of volunteer or paid experience in PT at time of matriculation (only 50 hours necessary at time of application)
- Three letters of recommendation (two from licensed PTs whom you directly observed/interacted with during patient care; one from an upper-level professor)
- Completion of prerequisites below with a grade of C (2.0) or higher
 - **Psychology:** 1 introductory course (3 credits)
 - **Statistics:** 1 introductory course (3 credits)
 - **Biology with lab:** 2 introductory courses (8 credits total)
 - **Chemistry with lab:** 2 introductory courses (8 credits total)
 - **Physics with lab:** 2 introductory courses (8 credits total)
 - **Physiology with lab:** 1 human or mammalian course (4 credits total)
 - **Anatomy with lab:** 1 human or mammalian course (4 credits total)
 - **Note:** Two course sequences in anatomy and physiology with labs are acceptable to fulfill the physiology/anatomy requirements.
- Completion of PTCAS application
- Payment of a UD supplemental fee
- Completion of successful admissions interview (by invitation only)

FUNDING

Academic, diversity, and in-state tuition scholarships may be awarded.

Learn more at sites.udel.edu/pt



ADMISSION DEADLINES

UDPT follows a rolling admissions process. Students are encouraged to apply early to ensure space availability. Offers will be extended to qualified candidates beginning with the first application deadline and continued until the class is fully enrolled.

- **September 1**
- **October 1**
- **Mid-December (Final Deadline)**

CONTACT

To learn more or schedule a pre-application advisement meeting, contact pt-admissions@udel.edu or call 302-831-8910.



The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Delaware is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 302-831-8910 or email pt-admissions@udel.edu. Please visit our Student Outcomes page at <http://sites.udel.edu/pt/dpt-program-student-outcomes/> for information on graduation rate, ultimate licensure exam pass rate, and employment rate over the most recent two years. The University of Delaware Department of Physical Therapy also offers credentialed residencies in sports, orthopedics, geriatrics, neurology, and acute care. CAPTE does not provide oversight or accreditation of residency programs. Our residency programs are accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE).



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