

PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR PRACTICING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (DPT)

Department Website (<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/pt/>)

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Program Description

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) for Practicing Physical Therapist Program is designed to educate professional physical therapists who are knowledgeable, self-assured, adaptable, reflective, humanistic, and service-oriented and who, by virtue of critical thinking, lifelong learning, and ethical values, render independent judgments concerning patient/client needs.

The DPT for Practicing Physical Therapists Program enables currently practicing, licensed physical therapists to upgrade their clinical knowledge and skills to today's entry-level professional doctoral degree. Practicing physical therapists who were educated at the certificate, baccalaureate, or master's level have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills in the areas of anatomy, exercise science, physical therapist examinations and interventions, business practices, and critical inquiry. Upgrading the knowledge and skill of practicing physical therapists to the doctoral level (DPT) enables them to better serve their patients and clients.

Admissions

Admission to graduate programs in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development requires the following minimum components:

- Résumé/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Proficiency in English

See NYU Steinhardt's Graduate Admissions website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/admissions/how-apply/graduate-students/>) for additional information on school-wide admission. Some programs may require additional components for admissions.

See How to Apply (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/doctor-physical-therapy-practicing-physical-therapists/how-apply/>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<i>Content Area 1: Choose 16 to 28 credits</i>		<i>16-28</i>
PT-GE 2026	Clinical SCI/Path of The Cardio System	
PT-GE 2250	Phys Ther Exam of The C-P System	
PT-GE 2231	Clin SCI/Path/Pharm/Imag of The M-S System	
PT-GE 2251	Phys Ther Exam of The M-S System	
PT-GE 2242	Clin Sci/Path/Pharm/Imag of The N-M System	
PT-GE 2252	Phys Ther Exam of The Neuromuscular System	

PT-GE 2233	Appld Antmy/Phys/Ob/Gyn, Intgmntry/Endoc System	
PT-GE 2243	Clin Sci/Path/Pharm/Imag Ob/Gyn, Intgm/Endoc Sys	
PT-GE 2253	Pt Exam Gen-Uri,Inte, End Gastro & Immune Sys	
PT-GE 2263	Phy Thr Intr/Prv Prg Wel Prg/Ob/Gyn Int/Endoc/Sys	
<i>Content Area 2: Choose 2 to 6 credits</i>		<i>2-6</i>
PT-GE 2286	Critical Inquiry/Clin Decision Making I	
PT-GE 2287	Crit Inquiry/Clin Dcsn Making II (Case Study)	
PT-GE 2288	Crit Inquiry/Clin Decsn Making III	
<i>Content Area 3: 4 Credits</i>		<i>4</i>
PT-GE 2295	Bus Pract/Rembrsmnt/Mrkt Tech Mngmt/Care Del Sys	
<i>Content Area 4: Choose 2 to 14 credits</i>		<i>2-14</i>
PT-GE 2227	Principles of Exercise	
PT-GE 2229	Fitness Theor/Practice	
PT-GE 2225	Exercise Physiology	
PT-GE 2220	Kinesiology/Biome/Ergon	
Total Credits		36

Note: Students without a US Physical Therapist License will complete the program with 60 credits.

Sample Plan of Study

This sample plan is for a student without a U.S. Physical Therapists License.

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
PT-GE 2287	Crit Inquiry/Clin Dcsn Making II (Case Study)	2
PT-GE 2233	Appld Antmy/Phys/Ob/Gyn, Intgmntry/Endoc System	3
PT-GE 2243	Clin Sci/Path/Pharm/Imag Ob/Gyn, Intgm/Endoc Sys	4
PT-GE 2253	Pt Exam Gen-Uri,Inte, End Gastro & Immune Sys	3
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
PT-GE 2263	Phy Thr Intr/Prv Prg Wel Prg/Ob/Gyn Int/Endoc/Sys	4
PT-GE 2295	Bus Pract/Rembrsmnt/Mrkt Tech Mngmt/Care Del Sys	4
PT-GE 2026	Clinical SCI/Path of The Cardio System	4
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
PT-GE 2225	Exercise Physiology	4
PT-GE 2250	Phys Ther Exam of The C-P System	4
PT-GE 2231	Clin SCI/Path/Pharm/Imag of The M-S System	4
Credits		12
4th Semester/Term		
PT-GE 2260	Phys Ther Inter/Prev Prg Well Prog Cv Resp System	4
PT-GE 2218	Biophysical Agents II (Electrotherapeutic Modalities)	3
PT-GE 2219	Assistive Technology	3
PT-GE 2229	Fitness Theor/Practice	2
Credits		12
5th Semester/Term		
PT-GE 2215	Biophysical Agents I (Physical Agents/Mechanical Modalities)	2
PT-GE 2008	Manual Techniques I	2
PT-GE 2231	Clin SCI/Path/Pharm/Imag of The M-S System	4

PT-GE 2251	Phys Ther Exam of The M-S System	4
	Credits	12
	Total Credits	60

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate the requisite skills for competent entry-level generalist physical therapist practice, including exhibiting self-assured, adaptable, reflective, and humanistic traits.
2. Integrate critical inquiry and clinical decision-making skills into clinical practice, using evidence to support practice.
3. Reflect the ethical principles established by the profession.
4. Exhibit leadership skills.
5. Adopt life-long learning skills.
6. Be service-oriented to both the profession and the community in which they provide services.
7. Promote understanding of the needs of diverse populations.
8. Be advocates of integration of health and wellness needs of patients/clients and society into physical therapist service delivery.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Steinhardt Academic Policies

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/>).