PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR PRACTICING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (DPT)

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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
Content Area 1: Choose 16 to 28 credits
PT-GE 2026 Clinical SCI/Path of The Cardio System 16-28
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 or The Neuromuscular System

Course Title Credits
Content Area 2: Choose 2 to 6 credits
PT-GE 2286 Critical Inquiry/Clin Decision Making I 2-6
PT-GE 2287 Critical Inquiry/Clin Decision Making II (Case Study)
PT-GE 2288 Critical Inquiry/Clin Decision Making III

Content Area 3: 4 Credits

PT-GE 2295 Bus Pract/Rembrsmnt/Mrkt Tech Mngmt/Care Del Sys 4

Content Area 4: Choose 2 to 14 credits
PT-GE 2227 Principles of Exercise 2-14
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.
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/).