For specific questions regarding programs and applications:

Office of Academic Assistance  404/413-1000
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http://physicaltherapy.gsu.edu
who we are

Physical therapists are dedicated to the prevention and rehabilitation of disability, injury, and disease specifically related to movement and function of the body. The practice of physical therapy is an integral component of healthcare.

Physical therapists practice in a variety of clinical specialties, including:

- Musculoskeletal/Orthopedics
- Neuro-rehabilitation
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Women's Health
- Ergonomics
- Acute Care
- Health Promotion

THE UNIVERSITY AND ATLANTA

Georgia State University, located in downtown Atlanta, is a place where teaching, research, and service are woven together to create a meaningful learning experience.

Students have opportunities to learn through our close affiliation with some of the finest healthcare facilities in the country. The Division of Physical Therapy also features cooperative relationships with nationally renowned research and healthcare organizations.

the program

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Our mission is to prepare doctors of physical therapy who are committed to clinical excellence, professional distinction, and the pursuit of scholarly activities that contribute to the body of scientific and clinical knowledge.

Home to the oldest accredited physical therapy program in the state, we offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The DPT program consists of nine consecutive semesters and 137 credit hours.

The DPT curriculum demands rigorous scholarly effort. We welcome students with different strengths and backgrounds to the program.

In addition to extensive classroom and laboratory experience, five clinical internships afford students the opportunity to practice in a variety of clinical settings. Students participate in service-learning projects in the community and are actively engaged in clinical research.

Following completion of the DPT degree, students are eligible to take the licensing exam in any state where they wish to practice. Refer to our home page at http://physicaltherapy.gsu.edu to read about our program, news items, and current student activities.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION

1. Applications and information about submission of transcripts are available by selecting “Graduate Admissions” at http://snhp.gsu.edu/188.html

2. DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT) APPLICATION

3. BACHELOR'S DEGREE
   Applications may be submitted during the last year of undergraduate studies from an accredited college or university.
   No specific undergraduate major is required.

4. NINE PREREQUISITE COURSES
   A minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 is required.
   Five of the nine prerequisites must be completed by the end of fall semester preceeding anticipated matriculation.
   - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology (2)
   - One course each of Human Anatomy and Physiology or two course series of Human Anatomy and Physiology
   - Physics (2)
     - Intro College Physics I and II with labs
   - Chemistry (2)
     - Principles/General Chemistry I and II with labs
   - Biology (1)
     - One semester of Biology with lab (any level)
   - Psychology (1)
     - One semester of Psychology, any level
   - Statistics (1)
     - One semester of Introductory Statistics or higher
   Please refer to http://physicaltherapy.gsu.edu/634.html for more details on these prerequisites.

5. GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) after 8/1/11:
   - Verbal: a minimum score of 150 is preferred
   - Quantitative: a minimum score of 148 is preferred
   - Analytical Writing: a minimum score of 3.5 is preferred
   - Georgia State University’s code for the GRE is 5251.

6. VOLUNTEER/OBSERVATION
   A minimum of 80 hours of practical experience in a PT setting through volunteering, observing, or working is required.
   Completion of 40 of the 80 hours is required prior to application submission.

   This practical experience must be in at least two different physical therapy settings. The 80 hours may be split in any combination, provided a minimum of 20 hours is spent in each setting.

   Forms for documentation of experiences are available in the Doctor of Physical Therapy application.

7. OTHER
   Additional documentation includes Certificate of Immunization, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and evaluation of international educational credentials by an independent evaluation service may be required.

   Admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program (DPT) is very competitive. Meeting requirements does not ensure admission to the program. Please refer to our website for additional information about the application process and deadlines.

"Georgia State University's Division of Physical Therapy emphasizes a foundation of professionalism, clinical excellence, and a commitment to lifelong learning. In addition to these values, advocacy and fulfillment of our social responsibility through community service are emphasized. I consider it an honor to be among the ranks of other Georgia State PT graduates."
Adrianna Nebedum, DPT class of 2009
# Curriculum

## Year One
- **Fall**
  - PT6600 Gross Anatomy: 4
  - PT6610 Functional Anatomy: 4
  - PT6650 Clinical I: 1
  - PT6700 Pathophysiology: 3
  - PT6709 Prof Practice I: 3
  - PT7600 Research I: 3
- **Spring**
  - PT6800 Gross Anatomy II: 3
  - PT6900 Cardiopulm: 3
  - PT6910 Exercise Physiology: 2
  - PT7025 Med/Surg: 3
  - PT7030 Interventions I: 3
  - PT7615 Movement Science I: 3
- **Summer**
  - PT6630 EBP I: 2
  - PT6810 Functional Anatomy II: 2
  - PT7610 Medical Screening: 2
  - PT7250 Clinical II: 6

## Year Two
- **Fall**
  - PT7130 Interventions III: 4
  - PT7620 Movement Science II: 2
  - PT7625 Musculoskeletal I: 3
  - PT7626 Musculoskeletal II: 3
  - PT7630 Lifespan I: Peds/Geriatrics: 2
  - PT7700 Research II: 2
  - PT7710 Neuro I: 4
  - (Anatomy and Physiology)
- **Spring**
  - PT7709 Prof Practice II: 3
  - PT7725 Musculoskeletal III: 3
  - PT7810 Neuro II: 3
  - PT7820 Neuro III: 2
  - PT8715 Lifespan II: Peds: 3
  - PT8720 Lifespan III: Peds Lab: 1
  - *PT8500 Meta-analysis: 2

## Year Three
- **Fall**
  - PT8600 Research III: 3
  - PT8670 Lifespan IV: Geriatrics: 3
  - PT8725 Neuro IV: 3
  - PT8730 Neuro V: 2
  - PT8825 Musculoskeletal IV: 4
  - PT8840 Interventions IV: 3
- **Spring**
  - PT8140 Health Promotion: 3
  - PT8850 Clinical IV: 6
  - PT8930 Special Topic Elective: 3
- **Summer**
  - PT8700 EBP III: 1
  - PT8709 Prof Practice III: 3
  - PT8800 Research IV: 1
  - PT8950 Clinical V: 6
  - PT9000 Comprehensive Review: 1

**Total Credit Hours: 137/139**

*Required for students not assigned to a research group.

## Faculty

A major feature that distinguishes our program is the diversity and experiences of our faculty.

In addition to being nationally recognized teachers and clinicians, all faculty members in our program are involved in clinical research. Their clinical research interests include:

- Health promotion and repetitive motion injury prevention
- Motor development in infants and young children
- Fall prevention
- Tai chi
- Muscle injury
- Neurorehabilitation

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