

# Doctor of Physical Therapy



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Students in the **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** program at Governors State University will be well-prepared to meet those demands. We offer excellent instruction and challenging experiences. Our curriculum is grounded both in today's practice and in the profession's expanding role in patient care. The DPT coursework will provide you with the substantial base of knowledge you'll need to enter the profession. You'll gain a thorough understanding of the human body, the nature of injury and the interventions that lead to improved function and recovery.

## How to Apply

**Admission to the DPT program is competitive**, and only a limited number of applicants are admitted. Each applicant's strengths will be evaluated against a number of factors associated with successful completion of our program.\*

**The application deadline is October 15** for admission to the program in the following Summer term. Applications received by the October 15 deadline will be given full consideration. Applications to the DPT are submitted through a centralized application service at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org).

## Learn More!

Visit [www.govst.edu/chhs/dpt/doctorate](http://www.govst.edu/chhs/dpt/doctorate), or contact Dr. Dave Diers at 708.235.2232 or [ddiers@govst.edu](mailto:ddiers@govst.edu).

*\*Graduates must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) as a prerequisite to state licensure.*

## Accreditation

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at [www.govst.edu/catalog](http://www.govst.edu/catalog)

## Special Admission Requirements\*

**In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:** Have a bachelor's degree, any major, with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale; take the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General test and have appropriate prerequisite course work with a minimum prerequisite G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## FACT

Physical Therapists are projected to be in great demand, with employment opportunities growing by more than 28 percent through 2026.

(Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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College of Health and Human Services

## Prerequisite Course Work

### Required Courses:

- 1 General Biology with lab (4) (BIOL 1500/1501 or 1510/ 1511)
- 2 General Chemistry with lab (8) (CHEM 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144)
- Anatomy with lab (8); two-semester sequence of 1000-level Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab (8) (BIOL 2200, 2201, 2210, 2211) OR one semester of 2000-level or higher with lab (4) such as Comparative Anatomy (BIOL 3360 / BIOL 3361) and one semester of Physiology (3) such as Human Physiology (BIOL 4444/4445)
- 2 General Physics with lab (8) (PHYS 2141/2142 and PHYS 2143/2144)
- Statistics (3) (STAT 4219)
- 3 courses in Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology (1 needs to be Psychology) (9)

### Recommended Courses:

- Orientation to Physical Therapy (2) (PHYT 2320)
- Medical Terminology (1) (HLSC 2400) or Computer Application: Medical Terminology for the Health Professional (OCCT 2400)

## Degree Requirements

### Required Courses: (102 Hours)

#### Basic Sciences:

- PHYT 6601 Gross Anatomy I (2)
- PHYT 6602 Gross Anatomy I Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 6611 Gross Anatomy II (2)
- PHYT 6612 Gross Anatomy II Laboratory (1)
- BIOL7706 Physiology of Disease I (2)
- BIOL 7716 Physiology of Disease II (4)

#### Physical Therapy:

- PHYT 6701 Patient Management I (1)
- PHYT 6702 Patient Management I Laboratory (2)
- PHYT 6705 Movement Analysis I (2)
- PHYT 6706 Movement Analysis I Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 6710 Evidence-Informed Practice II (1)
- PHYT 6711 Patient Management II (1)
- PHYT 6712 Patient Management II Laboratory (2)
- PHYT 6715 Movement Analysis II (2)
- PHYT 6716 Movement Analysis II Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 6721 Patient Management III (2)
- PHYT 6722 Patient Management III Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 6724 Pharmacology for Physical Therapists (2)
- PHYT 6742 Psychomotor Development Throughout the Lifespan (3)
- PHYT 6743 Evidence-Informed Practice I (2)
- PHYT 6745 Exercise Physiology (2)

- PHYT 6746 Exercise Physiology Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 7717 Clinical Orthopedics I (2)
- PHYT 7718 Clinical Orthopedics I Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 7727 Physical and Electrical Agents Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 7728 Physical and Electrical Agents in Physical Therapy (2)
- PHYT 7730 Formulation of Evidence-Inquiry I (1)
- PHYT 7737 Clinical Orthopedics II (2)
- PHYT 7738 Clinical Orthopedics II Laboratory (1)
- PHYT 7740 Formulation of Evidence-Inquiry II (1)
- PHYT 7750 Clinical Education Preparation I (2)
- PHYT 7751 Clinical Experience I (3)
- PHYT 7754 Management of Chronic and Vascular Conditions I Lab (1)
- PHYT 7755 Management of Chronic and Vascular Conditions I (2)
- PHYT 7756 Neuroscience Therapeutics I (2)
- PHYT 7757 Neuroscience Therapeutics I Laboratory (2)
- PHYT 7760 Interaction and Education for Patient Care (3)
- PHYT 7762 Management of Chronic and Vascular Conditions II (2)
- PHYT 7763 Management of Chronic and Vascular Conditions II Lab (1)
- PHYT 7766 Neuroscience Therapeutics II (2)
- PHYT 7767 Neuroscience Therapeutics II Laboratory (2)
- PHYT 7770 Ethical, Leadership and Policy Dimension of Physical Therapy (3)
- PHYT 7772 Orthotics and Prosthetics (2)
- PHYT 7780 Physical Therapy in the Health Care Team (3)
- PHYT 7782 Imaging for Physical Therapists (2)
- PHYT 7786 Physical Therapy Management of Medical/Surgical Conditions (2)
- PHYT 7788 Comprehensive Patient Management (3)
- PHYT 8792 Wellness and Human Performance (3)
- PHYT 8802 Applied Research I (1)
- PHYT 8804 Applied Research II (1)
- PHYT 9783 Applied Research in Physical Therapy (2)
- PHYT 8810 Clinical Education Preparation II (1)
- PHYT 8820 Clinical Experience II (4)
- PHYT 8830 Clinical Experience III (4)
- PHYT 9783 Applied Research III (2)
- PHYT 9808 Curriculum Integration and Licensure Preparation (1)
- PHYT 9810 Clinical Internship IV (6)

### Selective (2 hours)

- PHYT 8811 Current Issues (2)

In addition to completing the required courses, students must also satisfactorily complete all clinical internships in a variety of settings and complete and present a graduate research project.

**Total: 104 Hours**