

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)



The Division of Physical Therapy at American International College is dedicated to providing you with the academic and foundational knowledge and skills for a professional career as a physical therapist. With a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree from AIC, you will learn to deliver diverse patient care, provide services that restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disability. You will also learn to plan and modify treatment and instruction, make use of physical measures, activities, and devices for prevention and therapeutic purposes, as well as provide consultative, educational, and advisory services.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The faculty members in the Physical Therapy program believe:

- > that the practice of physical therapy is the ability to diagnose and treat individuals with movement dysfunctions and determine the need for treatment or referral to an appropriate healthcare professional.
- > in the inherent self-worth of each individual and their capacity for intellectual and emotional growth.
- > in the value of an interactive learning environment that promotes the development of lifelong learning, critical thinking, and mutual respect.
- > that scholarship is integral to the advancement of the profession of physical therapy.
- > in the value of community service in order to promote health, wellness, and accessibility of care.

Our program educates graduates to practice autonomously, effectively, and with integrity in a multifaceted and culturally diverse healthcare environment. In concert with the mission of the college, the program in physical therapy facilitates a dynamic educational environment through interactive and collaborative learning experiences. Students graduate with the cognitive, psychomotor, and professional skills that enable them to assume the diverse role of healthcare practitioner, including clinician, advocate, manager, teacher, learner, researcher, and leader. In addition, the program facilitates the development of compassionate practitioners through service to the academic and local communities.

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

In concert with the mission of the college, the Division of Physical Therapy facilitates a teaching–learning environment through interactive and collaborative learning experiences. This allows students to demonstrate cognitive knowledge, psychomotor, and professional skills that will enable them to assume diverse life-long roles as a healthcare practitioner, including those of clinician, advocate, manager, teacher, and researcher.

You will experience and apply your learning in real healthcare facilities with real patients beginning in the first year of the professional phase. The program culminates with multiple 12-week clinical rotations in the third year, providing all of our students the opportunity to apply their learning through hands-on practice.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- > Applicants applying to the DPT program should apply online using the PTCAS application beginning in July. To learn more about the PTCAS application process, visit www.ptcas.org.
- > Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, including proof of a baccalaureate degree. Transcripts from outside the United States must receive a course-by-course credit evaluation through a recognized service. AIC accepts evaluations from all active members associated with NACES. For more information, please visit: naces.org.
- > Three letters of recommendation (one must be academic)
- > Submit evidence of completing two clinical PT observations (minimum of 10 hours at each location)
- > The PTCAS essay prompt changes annually and will be accepted in lieu of the AIC personal statement prompt.
- > Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or ESL International score for non-native speakers of English



PROGRAM DELIVERY FORMAT

The DPT program is a full-time, campus-based program. Clinical rotations are located throughout the United States.

PROGRAM LENGTH

Three years, encompassing academic, clinical and research experiences, for a total of 120 credits.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students applying to the DPT program must have earned a BS or BA degree from an accredited four-year institution and it is strongly recommended that they have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.2 or higher and a GPA of 3.2 in all prerequisite courses. Prerequisite courses must have been completed within the 5 years prior to applying to the program in order to be accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

There are two application deadlines for graduate applications to the DPT program. The priority deadline is **December 1st** and the final deadline is **March 1st**. Late applications will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

- > **Biology I, Biology II** (8 credits, including 2 labs)*
- > **Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II** (8 credits, including 2 labs)
- > **Chemistry I and Chemistry II** (8 credits, including 2 labs)
- > **Physics I and Physics II** (8 credits, including 2 labs)
- > **Statistics** (Biological, Psychological or Educational)

*Exercise Physiology may be substituted for Biology II with approval from the program director.

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PROGRAM PLAN

COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Summer I		Spring II	
Gross Anatomy	5	Neuromuscular Patient Management II	4
Scientific Inquiry I	1	Principles of Teaching and Learning Across the Lifespan	3
SUBTOTAL	6	Pharmacology	2
Fall I		Health and Wellness	2
Foundations of Clinical Medicine	2	Introduction to Ergonomics	1
Kinesiology	3	Cardiopulmonary Clinical Medicine	2
Fundamentals of Patient Management I	4	Cardiopulmonary Patient Management	4
Fundamentals of Patient Management II	4	Scientific Inquiry IV	1
Fundamentals of Patient Management III	3	SUBTOTAL	19
SUBTOTAL	16	Summer III	
Spring I		Clinical Education (12 weeks)	7
Musculoskeletal Patient Management I	4	SUBTOTAL	7
Musculoskeletal Patient Management II	4	Fall III	
Neuroscience I	2	Scientific Inquiry V	1
Musculoskeletal Clinical Medicine	2	Differential Diagnosis and Imaging	3
Professional Foundations	1	Health Policy and Administration	3
Scientific Inquiry II	3	Complex Patient: Integrative Sem.	2
Exercise Physiology	3	Pediatric Patient Management	4
SUBTOTAL	19	Musculoskeletal Patient Management	4
Summer II		SUBTOTAL	17
Clinical Education (12 weeks)	7	Spring III	
SUBTOTAL	7	Clinical Education (12 weeks)	10
Fall II		SUBTOTAL	10
Neuroscience II	2	TOTAL CREDITS 120	
Scientific Inquiry III	3	Program plan subject to change.	
Integumentary Patient Management	3		
Neuromuscular Clinical Medicine	3		
Neuromuscular Patient Management I	4		
Gait, Orthotics and Prosthetics	4		
SUBTOTAL	19		

CAMPUS VISIT

We are pleased to welcome all prospective students to campus. A campus visit typically includes a one-on-one meeting with your admissions counselor, who may review your transcripts, discuss program start dates and admission requirements, and walk you through the financial aid process. For those interested, a campus visit can also include a meeting with the Director of the program, who can answer your specific questions about program curriculum and delivery.

For students who cannot visit campus, we are happy to arrange 30-minute distance information sessions, generally held by phone, at your convenience.

All visits can be arranged by contacting the Office of Graduate Admissions.

FINANCIAL AID AND TUITION

We recommend completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by all students.

Financial assistance is available to graduate students in the form of unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans. AIC is also proud to offer payment plans designed for reasonable monthly payments throughout the program.

ACCREDITATION

American International College is accredited by the **New England Commission of Higher Education** (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the Commission should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

New England Commission of Higher Education
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Burlington, MA 01803-4514
781.425.7785 | info@neche.org



YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

At AIC, we are committed to assisting you in each step of the admissions and enrollment process. Contact information for your support team is below. Call anytime.

For all issues related to campus visits, admissions, and new student enrollment, please contact:

Office of Graduate Admissions
413.205.3700 | graduate.admissions@aic.edu

For all issues related to completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), student loans, and general questions about financing your education, please contact:

Office of Financial Aid
413.205.3259 | financial.aid@aic.edu

For all issues related to billing and payment plans, and general questions about your bill, please contact:

Student Accounts Office
413.205.3254 | studentaccounts@aic.edu

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