

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

College of Sciences and Health Professions



Cleveland State University

History

Founded in 1974, Cleveland State University (CSU) is one of the premier Physical Therapy (PT) programs in northeast Ohio. The program graduated its first Bachelors of Science in Physical Therapy (BSPT) class in 1976, moved to the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) in 2002 and transitioned to a Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) in 2008. Located within the heart of the city of Cleveland, our program offers a strong education in physical therapy with dedicated and experienced faculty, newly renovated lab and classroom spaces, and research and clinical practice opportunities both within the university as well as throughout the greater Cleveland area. The clinical education portion of the program has over 150 affiliated clinical sites including the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Lake Health System, Louis B. Stokes Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, and University Hospitals, as well as other facilities within Ohio and throughout the United States.

Accreditation

The CSU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Cleveland State University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax St, Alexandria, VA, 22314; telephone 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

CSU DPT White Coat Ceremony



Mission: Rooted in an Urban Culture, we serve through Engaged Learning, Scholarship, and Practice.

Vision: Catalyst for Change toward Optimizing Health

Core Values: Compassion, Innovation, Dedication, Collaboration, Excellent, and Professionalism

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Curriculum

The CSU DPT curriculum emphasizes advanced physical therapy skills in patient client management, specifically focusing on differential diagnosis, critical thinking, complex clinical reasoning, and clinical decision making to support student independence within a direct access environment. Students learn the importance of addressing the patient as a whole through the principles of evidence based practice emphasizing how individual differences, culture, and health literacy impact the management of an individual's health, which strongly correlates with our mission to provide optimal PT care in an urban environment.

During the program, students complete 38 weeks of clinical education in off-campus clinical facilities. The final clinical experience allows students to explore a specialized area of practice that appeals to personal interest. Students will complete an individually-designed capstone project to add value to our partnering clinical facilities. In addition to the core PT courses, students enhance their education by selecting 5 elective credits in subjects that are complementary to physical therapy. One unique elective is for students to engage in independent research study with faculty. These research electives frequently lead to students' inclusion on manuscripts for publication and/or national/regional research presentations. Students may also pursue concentrated study in a particular area through certificate programs.

Community & Professional Engagement

- ◆ Faculty and students are engaged in various service learning activities throughout the year (including Care Alliance Health Center and the Preventative Care Centers at Cuyahoga Community College). Students are given the opportunity to become involved and make a difference!
- ◆ The program maintains an active presence with all levels of the American Physical Therapy Association, supporting student attendance at various events (including partial financial support for one national conference per student).

Tuition and Fees

Students are responsible for tuition and instructional fees. All medical/health requirements and clinical education related-expenses are to be paid by the student.

<http://www.csuohio.edu/treasury-services/tuition-and-fees>

Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in any subject area.
- Attain a minimum overall Grade Point Average of 3.20.
- Take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Submit a PTCAS application via <http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx>
- Proof of having met at least one of the English language proficiency requirements. (see website for details)
- Complete all prerequisite coursework prior to beginning the PT Program.
- Once accepted, submit a CSU Graduate Application.

Admissions requirements can change, for up to date information visit our webpage:

<http://www.csuohio.edu/DPT>

**Admissions
deadline
annually is
October 1st**

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