

Students who expect to complete a Bachelor's degree in Spring just before beginning the program may be accepted pending the receipt of official transcripts including the degree earned

Incomplete applications may result in your application being declared incomplete and result in non-admittance to the program.

Applicants with international undergraduate degrees should consult the appropriate sections of the Graduate Catalog for international admission procedures.

Applicants who have been recommended to the Graduate School for acceptance into the DPT program are required to pay a non-refundable \$200.00 reservation fee to secure their slot in the program. The reservation fee goes toward the cost of tuition once the applicant matriculates into the program.

### **Criminal Background Checks**

Criminal background checks and or drug screens may be a requirement for training at some affiliated clinical sites. Based on the results of these checks/screens, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow your participation in training at their facility. This could result in your inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program. Additionally, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment.

More information is available from your program director.

### **Application Procedures**

1. Admission to the Physical Therapy program requires all students to submit an Application form along with a payment of a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee to Tennessee State University School of Graduate Studies and Research. It is strongly recommended that the application be submitted electronically and the fee paid on a charge card.
2. The Department of Physical Therapy participates in the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service, known as PTCAS. Applicants applying to the entry-level professional physical therapist program apply online using the PTCAS application. The DPT program is participating in the "early decision" option under PTCAS. To learn more about the PTCAS application process including information about the "early decision" option, please visit the PTCAS web site at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org).

### **Financial Assistance**

Upon acceptance into the physical therapy program, students may apply for available stipends or other financial aid.

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree requires a total of 113 hours in the professional course of study. All students accepted for admission into the graduate program in Physical

Therapy must meet the following requirements prior to enrollment in the clinical practicum:

- Proficiency in medical terminology
- Documentation that they are free from communicable disease
- Tuberculosis screening and all required immunizations
- Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Basic First Aid certification
- Health/Accident insurance coverage
- Professional student liability insurance coverage
- The following Essential Functions that give the ability to perform, whether unaided or with reasonable accommodation, the following functions for a clinical practicum:
  - Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment;
  - Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds;
  - Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective physical therapy care;
  - Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs;
  - Visual acuity sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in physical therapy care;
  - Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and treatment;
  - Physical ability to assist moving, transferring and ambulating patients who have physical impairment or dysfunction.

If students are unable to perform the aforementioned essential technical functions, they have the right to request reasonable accommodations in accordance with TSU's disability policy as described in the Tennessee State University Student Handbook.

## Retention

Students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to graduate from the program. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 during his or her tenure in the program, the student will be placed on academic probation.

1. In order to remove the probationary status, the student must attain a GPA requirement of 3.0 or higher each subsequent semester until the cumulative GPA reaches 3.0 or better.
2. If a student's GPA falls below a 3.0 while the student is on probation, the student will be dismissed

Students who withdraw from the program will be allowed to reapply for admission to a subsequent class if they wish to continue to pursue physical therapy studies. Readmission is subject to the approval of the Graduate School and the Department of Physical Therapy.

The Code of Ethics by the American Physical Therapy Association has been adopted by the

Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy Examiners as the standard to which all physical therapists are subject under Rule 1150-11-14. Students in the physical therapy program are required to abide by the same standard. Students who violate the Code of Ethics and its interpretive document, the Guide to Professional Conduct, will be referred to the Physical Therapy Non-Academic Action Committee for disciplinary sanctions.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### YEAR 1

Semester 1	Summer	
PHTH 5360	Gross Anatomy	6.0
PHTH 5380	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1.0
PHTH 5330	Psychosocial Behavioral Issues	2.0
		9 credits
Semester 2	Fall	
PHTH 5470	Applied Physiology	3.0
PHTH 5490	Pathology	3.0
PHTH 5460	Biomechanics & Movement Science I	3.0
PHTH 5440	Human Development across the life span	2.0
PHTH 5421	Tests & Measurements	2.0
PHTH 5450	Patient Care Principles	2.0
		15 credits
Semester 3	Spring	
PHTH 5540	Clinical Medicine I	2.0
PHTH 5550	Therapeutic Exercise	3.0
PHTH 5560	Biomechanics & Movement Science II	3.0
PHTH 5570	Neuroscience/Neuropathology	3.0
PHTH 5580	Physical Agents	3.0
PHTH 5590	Research I	1.0
		15 credits

### YEAR 2

Semester 4	Summer	
PHTH 6340	Electrotherapeutics	2.0
PHTH 6350	Clinical Medicine II	3.0
PHTH 6360	Clinical Education I	3.0
PHTH 6390	Research II	1.0
		9 credits
Semester 5	Fall	
PHTH 6420	Principles of Education	2.0
PHTH 6440	Cardiopulmonary	3.0
PHTH 6460	Orthopedics I	4.0
PHTH 6470	Neurological PT I	4.0
PHTH 6490	Research III	2.0