



THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM AT DESALES UNIVERSITY is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave. Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. Graduation from an accredited physical therapy program is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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DE SALES UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the DeSales University Doctor of Physical Therapy program is to provide a quality physical therapy education consistent with Christian humanism and Salesian values of faith and reason. Students and graduates use their knowledge and skills to integrate scientific inquiry and evidence-based clinical reasoning into everyday practice, addressing the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions. With a focus on social responsibility and ethical conduct, students and graduates are committed to the advancement of the physical therapy profession and to an ongoing personal desire for learning and growth. Through inter-professional communication and collaboration, graduates are prepared to be adaptable in the complex healthcare environment of today and tomorrow.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The DPT program at DeSales University will accept applications from candidates with post-baccalaureate degrees from accredited institutions. Applicants must complete and submit all of the following for consideration prior to admission:

- Application for Admission via PTCAS
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Recommended minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Recommended minimum GPA of 3.2 on prerequisite coursework:
 - Chemistry – 8 credits with lab
 - General Biology – 4 credits with lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology – 8 credits with lab
 - Physics – 8 credits with lab
 - Psychology – 6 credits
 - Statistics – 3 credits
 - Exercise Science/Physiology - 3 credits
- No grade below “C” and no more than one retake on any prerequisite course
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Ability to satisfy all Technical Standards and Essential Functions required of physical therapy practice
- 40 hours of clinical observation in a single physical therapy facility.
- 3 professional recommendations: 2 non-physical therapy related; 1 from a licensed PT

If selected for application review, qualified candidates must complete an on-campus interview with DPT program faculty for final determination of admission.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- 3-course series in Human Anatomy with cadaver laboratories over the first professional year
- 4-course series in Professional Development with an emphasis on Servant Leadership
- 8-course, systems-based series in Differential Diagnosis and Intervention using the Patient-Client Management model
- 4-course series in Clinical Reasoning using a modified Problem-Based Learning approach which includes medical simulation laboratories and service learning opportunities
- 5-course series in Research culminating in a faculty-mentored, student project
- 2-course series in Special Topics (electives in specialty areas of practice)
- 36 weeks of Clinical Education



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