



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

“One of the things that I think puts Rockhurst above other schools is specifically the electives. We had the opportunity to learn from and speak to a lot of the experts in those particular fields within the Kansas City area. It was awesome to learn from their specialized perspectives in the PT field.”

-Renee Freeman,
'18, DPT



At Rockhurst University, we are committed to preparing competent, caring physical therapy professionals. After completing the program, you will be ready to assist individuals in the prevention or treatment of impairments due to developmental deficits, aging, physical illness or injury.

Our DPT program is a doctoral program with a new cohort beginning each summer semester. The program consists of eight semesters of coursework, including 34 weeks of fieldwork experience, presented throughout 2 1/2 academic years.

WHY STUDY PHYSICAL THERAPY AT RU?

We offer a Jesuit Education that emphasizes excellence in teaching.

Your instructors have advanced doctoral-level degrees and/or APTA approved clinical content specialization; many faculty maintain ongoing clinical practices. Faculty utilize a variety of teaching methods such as lectures, class discussions, clinical problem solving, simulated patients and other active learning strategies.

We stress the importance of serving others and sharing your skills.

You will participate in various clinically-based community service projects and/or an international service immersion experience. Additionally, classroom service learning projects allow students to reflect on the impact of their interactions and service.

You will have a unique opportunity to explore specialized PT subject areas.

In the last semester of the program, you will have the opportunity to select from a broad range of specialized elective courses like Examination and Treatment of the Running Athlete, Pediatric PT or Special Issues in Women's and Men's Health. Graduates of the PT program at Rockhurst are distinguished for the specialized knowledge gained in these courses.

You'll develop your ability to lead and advocate for patients and clients.

You will be provided with numerous opportunities to develop your leadership skills and participate in advocacy projects throughout our curriculum.

Decide to earn two degrees at once.

In conjunction with Rockhurst University's Helzberg School of Management, physical therapy students have the opportunity to earn both a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and a nationally-ranked Master of Business Administration or Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership degree. Learn more at rockhurst.edu/helzberg.



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ADMISSION PROCESS

Apply for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program by completing the following steps. Note that all applicants, even those with pre-admission guarantees, must apply through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS).

1. Apply online at www.ptcas.org in the summer prior to the program start.
2. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. GPA requirements are as follows:
 - a. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 across all prior coursework.
 - b. GPA of 3.20 for prerequisite courses.
 - c. GPA of 3.20 for science prerequisite courses.
3. Complete all prerequisites by the end of the spring semester prior to beginning the program.
4. Complete the GRE with a recommended minimum of 150 on the verbal and 148 on the quantitative portions. Send your GRE score directly to PTCAS and Rockhurst University's Office of Graduate Admission using GRE code 7638.
5. International students whose first language is not English must earn a TOEFL score of at least 79 on the internet-based test.
6. Selected applicants will participate in a personal interview.

PREREQUISITES

Required prerequisite courses* include:

- Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking
- Ethics
- General and upper-level Psychology**
- Anatomy with lab
- General Biology with lab
- Physiology with lab
- General Chemistry I and II with labs
- Physics I and II with labs
- Statistics
- Exercise Physiology

**Requirements are subject to change. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Office of Graduate Admission to inquire about changes before submitting an application.*

***Preferably Abnormal or Developmental Psychology.*

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

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ACCREDITATION

Rockhurst University's physical therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association.



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For more information on admission requirements or to apply, visit rockhurst.edu/pt or email graduate.admission@rockhurst.edu.