



Alvernia
University

Doctor of Physical Therapy

The mission of the Alvernia University Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is to pursue academic excellence in preparing the next generation of autonomous physical therapist clinicians. By challenging students to think critically, act professionally and serve altruistically, the program endeavors to develop graduates who are lifelong learners, reflective professionals, engaged citizens and ethical leaders with moral courage. Graduates will be prepared to assume a leadership role in the ever-changing healthcare environment as Doctors of Physical Therapy who are committed to clinical competence and the application and perpetuation of evidence-based knowledge.

As a Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate, you'll be prepared to engage in evidence-based clinical care, understand your rights and responsibilities as a member of a doctoring profession and possess the required knowledge and skill to change the lives of those whom you serve. Consistent with the vision of the American Physical Therapy Association and Alvernia University, the DPT Program endeavors to develop graduates who are "ethical leaders with moral courage" and prepared to assume a leadership role in addressing the health-related concerns that society faces.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II - 4 credits each with lab
- Biology - 3-4 credits (excluding BIO 109, 203, 115/116)
- Chemistry I and II - 4 credits each with lab
- Physics I and II - 4 credits each with lab
- Social Sciences - 6-9 credits (Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, Humanities)
- Statistics - 3 credits
- English Composition/Writing - 3 credits

Additional admission requirements include:

- An official transcript from each four-year accredited university attended revealing a:
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.25 (4+3) or 3.5 (3+3) or better
 - Science GPA of 3.0 (4+3) or 3.5 (3+3) or better
 - Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 (4+3 and 3+3) or better
- A minimum of 100 hours of observation, which includes experiences in both outpatient and inpatient physical therapy settings (4+3 and 3+3)
- Three letters of reference from a: licensed PT, professor, other non-family member (4+3); licensed PT, Alvernia professor, other non-family member (3+3)
- GRE taken within the past 5 years with a minimum score of 150 on Verbal and Quantitative and 3.5 on Analytical (4+3 only) (Alvernia Code 1619) (www.ets.org)
- Two written essay questions (4+3 and 3+3)
- International applicants for whom English is a second language must submit official TOEFL results (www.ets.org). Transcripts from a university outside of the United States must be evaluated by an independent service (www.wes.org).

THE PROGRAM

The Alvernia University Doctor of Physical Therapy program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.*

This clinical post-graduate doctoral degree program is available in a 4+3 year curricular format, meaning prospective students with an earned bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited institution can earn their degree in three years.

An accelerated 3+3 format is also available for admitted Alvernia undergraduates studying Biochemistry, Biology, Healthcare Science or Psychology. A limited number of seats are available that will be offered to students on a competitive basis. This option will enable students to complete their undergraduate training and doctoral degree within six years.

APPLY TODAY alvernia.edu/dpt

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall - Semester 1	Credits	Spring - Semester 2	Credits
DPT 500: Gross Anatomy & Histology DPT 503: Applied Physiology for Physical Therapy DPT 504: Practice Management I DPT 508: Physical Therapy Procedures I DPT 522: Foundations of Clinical Practice TOTAL	5 5 3 4 1 18	DPT 502: Kinesiology DPT 509: Foundations of Clinical Exam and Eval DPT 516: Musculoskeletal PT Practice I DPT 520: Neuromuscular PT Practice I DPT 528: Cardiopulmonary PT Practice I DPT 512: Critical Inquiry I TOTAL	4 5 3 3 3 1 19
Summer - Semester 3	Credits	Fall - Semester 4	Credits
MOD 1 DPT 524: Clinical Practice I (May-June) MOD 2 DPT 505: Practice Management II DPT 513: Critical Inquiry II TOTAL	4 3 3 10	DPT 604: Health Care Policy & Issues in PT DPT 616: Musculoskeletal PT Practice II DPT 620: Neuromuscular PT Practice II DPT 628: Cardiopulmonary PT Practice I DPT 622: Clinical Practice III DPT 600: ISLE (Intl. Service Learning Exp) Elective TOTAL	3 4 4 3 1 [1] 15
Spring - Semester 5	Credits	Summer - Semester 6	Credits
DPT 608: Physical Therapy Procedures II DPT 617: Musculoskeletal PT Practice III DPT 621: Neuromuscular PT Practice III DPT 629: Cardiopulmonary PT Practice II DPT 623: Critical Inquiry I TOTAL	4 4 4 4 1 17	DPT 624: Clinical Practice IV (July-August) DPT 704: Administration and Management in PT DPT 712: Foundations of Clinical Research II TOTAL	6 2 2 10
Fall - Semester 7	Credits	Spring - Semester 8	Credits
DPT 708: Integrated PT Practice for Multiple Systems DPT 713: Critical Inquiry II DPT 732: PT Practice on an Interprofessional Team DPT 724: Clinical Practice V (Oct-Jan) DPT 804, 806: Special Topic Electives TOTAL	4 3 3 8 3 21	DPT 725: Clinical Practice VI (January-April) DPT 714: Critical Inquiry III DPT 810: Comprehensive Examination TOTAL	8 3 1 12
TOTAL		TOTAL CREDITS/CONTACT HOURS	121

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