

PHYSICAL THERAPY D.P.T.

OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at the University of Vermont (UVM) is well recognized for preparing DPT graduates as practitioner scholars who successfully translate evidence into contemporary best practice. The D.P.T. program offers a professional entry doctoral degree and requires full-time study over a period of 3 years, including summers. The program integrates the basic and clinical sciences with essential skills in scientific inquiry, leadership, business, ethics and policy to produce graduates prepared to provide patient centered care and participate as primary care team members within an evolving complex health care environment. As a component of their study, students participate in faculty mentored scholarship.

Students broaden their professional preparation through 36 weeks of clinical internships interspersed throughout the curriculum. Internships are offered throughout the U.S. in a variety of specialty areas and require student travel to these locations. Assignments are based on students' educational needs and clinical site availability. Students are responsible for all costs associated with clinical internships.

Exceptional faculty role model clinical and research expertise across each of the specialty areas of physical therapist practice while facilitating student development as movement experts who promote health through exercise at the individual and community level.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Vermont is accredited by:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
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Alexandria, VA, 22314
(703) 706-3245
email: accreditation@apta.org

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy

Applicants must complete the prerequisite course requirements and a baccalaureate degree in any major at UVM or a regionally accredited institution. Applicants with a baccalaureate degree from institutions outside the U.S. will also be considered.

Students applying to the Physical Therapy program must have a GPA of 3.00 or greater in their undergraduate studies. All applicants must complete the following prerequisite courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or greater prior to entry into the D.P.T. program:

- Two semesters of anatomy/physiology
- Two semesters of college chemistry with labs
- Two semesters of physics with labs
- One semester of biology
- One semester of exercise physiology

- One semester of psychology
- One semester of statistics

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Complete the Physical Therapy Common Application through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS), a division of the American Physical Therapy Association. Follow all instructions on the site. All application materials should be submitted directly to PTCAS. This includes:

- Three letters of recommendation.
- Official Transcript(s) from all U.S. and Canadian schools attended. PTCAS and the UVM D.P.T. program accept prerequisite credits from regionally accredited institutions only. For international applicants, transcripts must be translated and evaluated by an official service and sent to the CNHS Office of Student Services.
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores. For UVM D.P.T. applicants only, the GRE Code is 7708.
- Scores must be received by the application deadline. The program prefers a minimum score of 150 Quantitative, 150 Verbal, and 4.0 Writing. Applicants may retake the GRE and the highest score in each section will be counted.

Complete pages one and two of the UVM Graduate Online Application form. Include the following information with the UVM application:

- In the box calling for an essay, please write: "See essay on the PTCAS application."
- Application Fee
- No transcripts or letters of recommendation should be sent to the University of Vermont. Names of references can be included but do not include contact information.

Complete the D.P.T. Prerequisite Course Completion form which can be found on the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science website.

Minimum Degree Requirements

Completion of all required courses with a GPA of 3.00 or better.
Satisfactory completion of all clinical education experiences.
Completion of requirements for comprehensive examination.

Comprehensive Examination

The examination takes the form of an independent research project or a systematic literature review project that results in a written paper. Students work either in groups or individually with faculty members to complete their projects. The written paper must be completed by the end of the 2nd year of matriculation and prior to beginning Clinical Internship 2.

**Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the
Degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy**

Successful completion of any prerequisite courses, and at least 15 graded graduate credits with a 3.00 GPA or better, including all core courses and the comprehensive/qualifying examination.