PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Who Are We
UNT Health Science Center is One University, comprising six graduate colleges for health care providers, researchers and scientists. We have a strong culture based on values, and through Extraordinary Teamwork we produce leaders in health care and science who transform lives.

UNTHSC School of Health Professions offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program admitted the first cohort of students in 2010.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-756-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award master’s and doctoral degrees.

How We Do It
The curriculum is 33 months and highlights:

• Well-rounded education in all aspects of contemporary physical therapy
• Includes a course in Rural Health and underserved populations and has opportunities for clinical internships in rural areas
• Learning in a research-intensive health science center environment.
• A low student-faculty ratio that ensures close contact with and continuous mentoring by physical therapy faculty.
• Interdisciplinary education experiences with students in medical school and physician assistant programs at the health science center.
• Opportunities to learn at various clinical sites across the DFW area and the nation, including opportunities to experience Physical Therapy in other countries.

What We Do
Creating solutions for a healthier community by producing highly qualified entry-level doctors of physical therapy, and leading in education, professional services, and research activities.

Why We Do It
The DPT program will prepare you to practice as a Doctor of Physical Therapy in one of today’s fastest growing and most rewarding health professions.

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Am I eligible for the DPT program at UNTHSC?

• Applicants must earn a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or Canada prior to matriculation into the DPT program. Applicants may have a degree in progress at the time of application, but must have a plan in place to have the degree conferred prior to matriculation.

• Applicants must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in all prerequisite coursework. Applicants may have coursework planned or in progress at the time of application, but must have a plan in place to have all coursework completed prior to matriculation.

• Applicants must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in our specifically required prerequisite coursework.

• Applicants must complete all of the prerequisite course requirements. Applicants may have coursework planned or in progress at the time of application, but must have a plan in place to have all coursework completed prior to matriculation.

What are the prerequisite requirements needed for the DPT program at UNTHSC?

Prerequisite coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university in the United States. All science coursework must be intended for science majors. Courses with KIN, KINS, EXSS, PT or NURS prefixes are not typically intended for science majors and will not satisfy prerequisite requirements.

Prerequisite courses may be in progress or planned at the time of your application; however, all prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to the beginning of the DPT curriculum.

Important Admissions Information

Note: Requirements are subject to change. Visit our website: https://www.unthsc.edu/school-of-health-professions/physical-therapy/admissions-information

What do I need in order to apply?

• Letters of Recommendation- Applicants must submit letters of professional reference through PTCAS. A minimum of two letters are required. A letter from a practicing PT is highly recommended.

• $40 Application Processing Fee- Applicants must submit the non-refundable fee online through UNTHSC.

Note: the GRE is not a requirement for admission and will not be considered in our selection process.

Due to the limited number of seats and our policy of offering admissions on a rolling basis, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the application process early in our cycle. Applications will be reviewed in the order they become complete. An applicant’s PTCAS cycle is highly recommended.

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What makes a competitive candidate?

Although an applicant’s entire academic record is considered, strong academic performance alone does not ensure acceptance. Evidence of personal integrity, maturity, motivation and dedication to join the profession are important factors in candidate selection. Communication, critical thinking skills and writing ability are also considered in the selection process. The above qualities are evaluated by several means, including letters of recommendation, the scope and nature of extracurricular activities (including work and volunteer experience), the scope and breadth of academic preparation and through the interview process.

What is the likelihood I will be invited to interview?

The most competitive applicants will be invited to the UNTHSC campus in Fort Worth for an admissions interview—typically 8:50 if the applicant pool is invited. Interviews generally take place from September—January. Interviews may and will occur if the class is filled. Early submission of your application can increase your chances of interview selection.

For the most current information regarding our DPT curriculum, please visit our website: https://www.unthsc.edu/school-of-health-professions/physical-therapy/sequence-of-courses

Required Coursework:

• Psychology – 3 Semester Credit Hours
• Biology – 3 Semester Credit Hours
• Chemistry with Lab – 8 Semester Credit Hours
• Physics with Lab – 8 Semester Credit Hours
• Anatomy with Lab– 4 Semester Credit Hours
• Physiology with Lab– 4 Semester Credit Hours
* A combination of 8 semester credit hours of A&P coursework can be used to fulfill the requirements for Anatomy and Physiology.

Note: There is no restriction on how long ago prerequisite courses were completed.

Strongly Recommended Courses

• Biomechanics
• Exercise Physiology
• Statistics
• Medical Terminology

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