Department Mission

The primary focus of the Department of Physical Therapy at Texas State University is to provide student-centered, innovative approaches to teaching and learning. The department’s mission is to provide inter-related academic, research, laboratory and clinical experiences that lead to excellence in evidence-based physical therapist practice. The department faculty is committed to providing the opportunity for students to receive a high quality professional education as a foundation from which personal and professional growth will occur.

The Texas State University Doctor of Physical Therapy program’s stellar curriculum and all-star faculty prepared me to provide amazing patient care with confidence.

– Dr. Thomas F. Lawlor, PT, DPT, MS
  Manual Therapy Certified, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Staff Physical Therapist and Clinical Instructor, Texas Physical Therapy Specialist

Students contribute to the health needs of society through education, scholarly activities, service and professional practice.

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Faculty
The Texas State Physical Therapy Department faculty value the importance of continued learning and development of the body of professional knowledge for the growth of the physical therapist profession and improvement in patient care services. The faculty believe that the professional education environment must provide opportunity for, and involvement in, research activities. These research areas include basic and applied clinical research, administrative research and educational research activities. Many faculty members are board certified specialists who maintain active clinical practices. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1-to-10.

Career Options
Graduates of the physical therapy program will become professionals who provide a unique perspective on purposeful, precise and efficient movement based upon their knowledge of the movement system and expertise in mobility and locomotion. The degree provides opportunity for career settings such as hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, work settings and skilled nursing facilities.

Why choose Texas State?
The doctor of physical therapy program offers a unique advantage with the onsite Texas State Physical Therapy Clinic. Under the supervision of experienced, state-licensed faculty, students treat patients with various disorders. Combined with a thorough curriculum design, the nationally accredited program has garnered unsurpassed community support and reputation.

Over the last 20 years, 98% of the program’s students have graduated with a 100% employment rate. The overall national board exam pass rate required for licensure is 100%.

Course Work
Texas State’s physical therapy program is a three-year, nine-semester cohort course of study with 99 credit hours that culminates in the doctor of physical therapy degree. The course load for the degree ranges from 10-14 credit hours per semester. The program offers strong collaborative relationships with local clinical sites as well as residency and fellowship programs. All students are required to complete full-time clinical education experiences. Part-time experiences will be completed in the Texas State Physical Therapy Clinic. Clinical experiences and internships may be completed at locations in or outside the Central Texas area.

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Fall: No admission
Spring: No admission
Summer: October 1

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
For scholarship, fellowship or assistantship information, review our web page: gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding

For the most up-to-date information on deadlines, admission requirements and funding, visit: gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs/dpt

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