Physical therapy is a dynamic healthcare profession that manages and prevents disorders involving the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiovascular/pulmonary and integumentary systems. PTs diagnose and treat people of all ages, from newborns to the elderly, who have health-related conditions limiting their abilities to move and perform functional activities.

PTs provide care in a variety of settings and may be certified as clinical specialists through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and other multidisciplinary boards in healthcare. State licensure is required in each state in which a PT practices.
Course Work
The doctor of physical therapy program is a three-year, nine-semester cohort course of study with 99 credit hours that culminates in the DPT degree. The program offers strong collaborative relationships with local residency and fellowship programs as well as clinical sites. Courses at Texas State include:
- Anatomy
- Body Systems
- Clinical Decision Making
- Clinical Education
- Directed Clinical Experience
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Examination Techniques
- Functional Neuroanatomy
- Human Structure and Function
- Neuroscience
- Patient Care Skills
- Therapeutic Interventions

Clinical Education
All students are required to complete full-time clinical education experiences in physical therapy facilities. Part-time experiences will be completed in the Texas State Physical Therapy Clinic. Clinical experiences and internships may be completed in facilities in or outside the Central Texas area. The additional costs of travel associated with the clinical experiences are the responsibility of the student.

Faculty
Members of Texas State's physical therapy graduate faculty participate in professional activities at the local, state, national and international levels. Many faculty members are board certified specialists who maintain active clinical practices. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1-to-10.

Admission Policy
In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Texas State University Graduate College, the Department of Physical Therapy requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work, a minimum GPA of a 3.0 in all science and prerequisite course work, and a preferred score of 150 on verbal and 145 quantitative or higher on the general portion of the GRE.

Admission to the graduate program is based on completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.0:
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology or Abnormal Psychology
- Statistics
- Medical Terminology
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Exercise Physiology or Vertebrate Physiology (must be upper-division course)
- General Chemistry I and II
- General Physics I and II

Each applicant must submit the following:
- online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee for the Graduate College and the Department of Physical Therapy
- one official transcript from each college or university attended
- official GRE scores. See www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/dpt for details about Graduate Record Exam.

The Department of Physical Therapy requires a separate application that includes:
- PT application
- application fee
- written statements
- reference checklist
- prerequisite course form
- personal interview

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application and additional details. Applications are due by October 15. Interview invitations are extended following review of applications and applicants are notified of their status early in the spring semester. Classes begin with the first summer session in June.

Financial Assistance
A limited number of graduate assistant positions are available for students to assist with departmental teaching and administrative activities. Applications for these positions become available each fall semester and are limited to students enrolled in the DPT program. The department offers three scholarships available to students enrolled in the DPT program — the Schmidt scholarship, the Warm Springs Foundation Scholarship, and the Barbara Melzer Scholarship. Information about these scholarships will be provided to enrolled students.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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