



Doctor of **PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Program Overview

Pacific's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), offered by Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, is an accredited graduate-level, cohorted program designed to produce high-caliber, practice ready physical therapists. Students work with doctorally-trained faculty members who possess clinical

and basic science expertise in the four over-arching practice areas:

- Musculoskeletal/orthopedic
- Neuromuscular
- Cardiopulmonary
- Integumentary

Through our small class sizes of 36, students benefit from faculty personal guidance to achieve academic success. Most students take the National Physical Therapy Licensure Exam in the 26th month and our cohorts have achieved 100% employment post licensure.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Stockton
Campus

99
units

25
months

November 1
admission deadline

Fall
semester start

In-person
program

GRE
required

Office of Graduate Admission: 916.739.7281 | gradinfo@pacific.edu
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Physical Therapy Program: 209.946.2886 | PTadmissions@pacific.edu



I chose Pacific's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program primarily because of its alumni. During my observation hours, every Pacific DPT alumni I met had that 'it' factor that set them apart from their peers when interacting with their patients. I wanted to be like those physical therapists, so I chose Pacific.

Alicia Wortman
DPT

Curriculum

The DPT curriculum prepares graduates for autonomous practice through emphasis in clinical skills, critical thinking, and evidence-based decision making.

Exposure to patient care begins in the first trimester to promote early integration of knowledge and skills. Students complete 30 weeks of full-time clinical education in different settings, with choices in over 350 sites nationwide.

Faculty

Graduate students benefit from close working relationships with dedicated and passionate professors. All full-time faculty members have earned their academic or clinical doctoral degrees and most are currently engaged in clinical practice, providing students with exceptional opportunities for experiential learning. Local physical therapy clinicians and experts also serve as part-time faculty and clinical instructors, sharing first-hand expertise with students.

Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The per-unit graduate tuition rate for the 2018-2019 academic year is \$948 plus applicable fees. Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

OUTCOMES

Student outcomes for the DPT program (3-year average for graduating cohort years 2016, 2017, 2018) were 98.2% on-time graduation rate, 100% overall NPTE pass rate, and 100% employment post licensure.

REQUIREMENTS

The admission process involves a holistic review of each applicant's background and experiences. The following are required for admission through our application in PTCAS:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Official Transcripts
- GRE scores
- Successful performance on in-person interview
- Three letters of recommendation

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

For more information, please visit:

 [Pacific.edu/DPT](https://www.pacific.edu/DPT)