



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

PTA TO DPT BRIDGE PROGRAM



University of Findlay

Program Overview

This is a one-of-a-kind bridge program specifically designed for the physical therapist assistant (PTA) who wishes to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. Students will study in a hybrid format, with classes meeting on campus every other weekend in the fall, winter, spring, and virtually during summer semester. Distance learning is incorporated into the curriculum and you are required to work a minimum of 40 hours per month as a PTA to complement your coursework.

Application Criteria

Applicants must have a minimum overall and prerequisite grade point average of 3.0 in undergraduate work (on a 4.0 scale). Additional requirements include evidence of a baccalaureate degree, and evidence of graduation from an accredited physical therapist assistant program.

Selection of Applicants

A number of factors are considered during the selection process for each physical therapy cohort class. Our selection committee reviews grades, writing ability, letters of recommendation, and employment experience in addition to leadership and community involvement. Students who are alumni of or currently enrolled at the University of Findlay are given special consideration in the application process.

WHY UF DPT?

The University of Findlay's DPT program is designed for working PTAs. Our established weekend program integrates clinical practice and delivers excellent outcomes across diverse practice settings.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

Our faculty are experienced clinicians and researchers committed to physical therapy education. Many hold advanced degrees such as DHS, DSc, EdD, or PhD, with several also recognized as Clinical Specialists or holding specialty certifications.

PHYSICAL THERAPY STATISTICS



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Over 1,000
clinical site
locations
nationwide

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE WORKING PTA

The Weekend PTA to DPT Bridge Program is specifically designed for the working PTA. It is referred to as a bridge program because we bridge the gap between your knowledge as a working PTA with the skillset required to be a DPT.

UF DPT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Physical Therapy Program at the University of Findlay is to empower students to help transform society by optimizing movement and function to improve the lives and well-being of those they serve.

Bridge Program Curriculum

The University of Findlay's Weekend PTA to DPT Bridge Program is a distance, 27-month program designed for working PTAs, featuring online coursework with on-campus active sessions, and 30 weeks of clinical education. The program focuses on bridging the gap between PTA knowledge and the skills required for a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Courses in the bridge program include:

PHTH 504	Basic Competencies in Physical Therapy	2 hrs	PHTH 644	Integrated Clinical Experience I	.5 hrs
PHTH 505	Professional Issues	2 hrs	PHTH 646	Rehabilitation Technology, Orthotics and Prosthetics	3 hrs
PHTH 514	Exercise Physiology for the Physical Therapist . .	3 hrs	PHTH 654	Integrated Clinical Experience II	.5 hr
PHTH 523	Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice.	3 hrs	PHTH 660	Musculoskeletal II	4 hrs
PHTH 528	Pathology I	2 hrs	PHTH 669	Therapeutic Interventions	3 hrs
PHTH 532	Principles of Therapeutic Exercise	3 hrs	PHTH 671	Integumentary	2 hrs
PHTH 545	Lifespan Development and Physical Therapy . .	3 hrs	PHTH 678	Healthcare Administration in Physical Therapy	3 hrs
PHTH 548	Pathology II	2 hrs	PHTH 679	Community Health and Education in Physical Therapy	2 hrs
PHTH 549	Pharmacology	2 hrs	PHTH 681	Musculoskeletal III	2 hrs
PHTH 552	Elements of Physical Therapy Practice for the Physical Therapist	5 hrs	PHTH 720	Clinical Education I	5 hrs
PHTH 557	Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics	4 hrs	PHTH 723	Medical Diagnostics	2 hrs
PHTH 560	Musculoskeletal I	5 hrs	PHTH 726	Clinical Education II	5 hrs
PHTH 563	Foundations in Neuroscience	5 hrs	PHTH 730	Clinical Education III, Specialty	5 hrs
PHTH 564	Anatomy I	3 hrs	PHTH 737	Neurological and Medical Complexity	2 hrs
PHTH 565	Anatomy II	3 hrs	PHTH 731	Physical Therapy Seminar	1 hr or
PHTH 601	Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy I	3 hrs	PHTH 732	Physical Therapy Forum I	.5 hr and
PHTH 602	Neurotherapeutics I	3 hrs	PHTH 733	Physical Therapy Forum II	.5 hr
PHTH 604	Neurotherapeutics II	4 hrs			
PHTH 610	Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy II	2 hrs			
PHTH 643	Motor Control	2 hrs			

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Traditional and Bridge Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs at University of Findlay are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.



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