



## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

### TRADITIONAL PROGRAM



University of Findlay

### Program Overview

The University of Findlay's traditional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program offers multiple pathways to entry, including early assurance, junior admit, and graduate entry options. Depending on the pathway, the program can be completed in as few as 5.5 years.

In the early assurance and junior admit pathways, students complete three years of undergraduate coursework at the University of Findlay before entering the 2.5-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. After successfully completing the first year of the DPT curriculum, students are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, and upon completion of the full 2.5-year professional program, they earn the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Students may also enter the professional DPT program through the graduate entry pathway after completing a bachelor's degree, in which case the DPT curriculum is completed over 2.5 years, culminating in the awarding of the DPT degree.

### High School Early Assurance

The University of Findlay is one of the few physical therapy schools in Ohio that offers an early assurance program, allowing high-achieving high school students to plan confidently for their future careers in physical therapy. High school students with a minimum 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) may be eligible for early assurance admission to the DPT program. Students who are granted early assurance are guaranteed a reserved seat in the professional DPT program, provided they successfully complete all CORE+ general education requirements, prerequisite coursework, and program-specific requirements.

### Why UF DPT?

- Small class sizes
- Hands-on cadaver lab experience
- Dedicated professional advising
  - Portfolio development
  - Research experience
  - Career planning
- 100% job placement

### ABOUT OUR FACULTY

The DPT Faculty includes skilled clinicians and researchers passionate about physical therapy education. Many hold advanced degrees like DSc, DHSc, EdD, or PhD. Several are also recognized as Clinical Specialists or have earned other specialty certifications.

**1,000**

Over 1,000  
clinical site  
locations  
nationwide

### HANDS-ON LEARNING

Hands-on experience through a variety of experiential learning opportunities including orthopedic and neurological pro-bono clinics, pediatric screenings, and service learning.

## 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.

## Traditional Program Curriculum

The Traditional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program consists of 3 years of post-baccalaureate professional study with 116.5 credit hours, combining 100 academic credits and 16.5 clinical education credits. Starting summer of 2029, the Traditional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will consist of 2.5 years of post-baccalaureate professional study with 109 credit hours, combining 93 academic credits and 16 clinical education credits. The curriculum features small cohort sizes, hands-on lab, and full-time clinical experiences. The curriculum features small cohort sizes, hands-on labs, and four full-time clinical experiences, starting from the second summer and concluding with a 10-week, final clinical, preparing students for generalist practice.

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| PHTH 502 | Professional Issues in Physical Therapy . . . . .                      | 2 hrs | PHTH 661             | Musculoskeletal System II . . . . .                             | 5 hrs |
| PHTH 516 | Healthcare Administration in Physical Therapy. . .                     | 3 hrs | PHTH 667             | Neuromuscular System I. . . . .                                 | 4 hrs |
| PHTH 538 | Principles of Therapeutic Exercise . . . . .                           | 4 hrs | PHTH 669             | Therapeutic Interventions . . . . .                             | 3 hrs |
| PHTH 544 | Psychosocial and Educational Foundations in Physical Therapy . . . . . | 2 hrs | PHTH 671             | Integumentary . . . . .                                         | 2 hrs |
| PHTH 545 | Lifespan Development and Physical Therapy . . .                        | 3 hrs | PHTH 673             | Integrated Clinical Experience I. . . . .                       | 1 hrs |
| PHTH 546 | Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice. . . . .                        | 2 hrs | PHTH 677             | Community Health Experience . . . . .                           | 2 hrs |
| PHTH 547 | Applied Physiology . . . . .                                           | 3 hrs | PHTH 683             | Integrated Clinical Experience II . . . . .                     | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 549 | Pharmacology. . . . .                                                  | 2 hrs | PHTH 691             | Clinical Education II . . . . .                                 | 5 hrs |
| PHTH 551 | Elements of Physical Therapy Practice I. . . . .                       | 3 hrs | PHTH 721             | Musculoskeletal System III . . . . .                            | 2 hrs |
| PHTH 553 | Introduction to Physical Therapy Practice . . . .                      | 1 hrs | PHTH 723             | Medical Diagnostics . . . . .                                   | 2 hrs |
| PHTH 557 | Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics. . . . .                           | 4 hrs | PHTH 727             | Neuromuscular System II . . . . .                               | 4 hrs |
| PHTH 559 | Clinical Medicine I . . . . .                                          | 2 hrs | PHTH 729             | Clinical Education III. . . . .                                 | 6 hrs |
| PHTH 561 | Elements of Physical Therapy Practice II . . . .                       | 3 hrs | PHTH 731             | Physical Therapy Seminar. . . . .                               | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 563 | Foundations in Neuroscience. . . . .                                   | 5 hrs | PHTH 736             | Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Rehabilitation Technology . . . . . | 2 hrs |
| PHTH 564 | Anatomy I. . . . .                                                     | 3 hrs | PHTH 739 or PHTH 740 | Selected Topics in Physical Therapy. . . . .                    | 3 hrs |
| PHTH 565 | Anatomy II . . . . .                                                   | 3 hrs | PHTH 740             | Selected Topics in Physical Therapy with Lab . .                | 3 hrs |
| PHTH 579 | Clinical Medicine II. . . . .                                          | 3 hrs | PHTH 616             | Faculty-Directed Research I . . . . .                           | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 581 | Elements of Physical Therapy Practice III. . . .                       | 2 hrs | PHTH 636             | Faculty-Directed Research II. . . . .                           | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 641 | Musculoskeletal System I . . . . .                                     | 2 hrs | PHTH 656 or PHTH 628 | Faculty-Directed Research III . . . . .                         | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 642 | Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy I . . . . .                           | 2 hrs | PHTH 628             | Case Report I . . . . .                                         | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 643 | Motor Control . . . . .                                                | 2 hrs | PHTH 648             | Case Report II. . . . .                                         | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 652 | Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy II. . . . .                           | 2 hrs | PHTH 658             | Case Report III . . . . .                                       | 1 hr  |
| PHTH 659 | Clinical Education I. . . . .                                          | 5 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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.



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