

**TRANSITIONAL
 DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
 DEGREE PROGRAM**

TRANSITIONAL DPT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (T-DPT) begins in the spring semester and consists of 16 semester credit hours (Master’s degree-prepared physical therapists) or 22 semester credit hours (Bachelor’s degree-prepared physical therapists). The curriculum consists of four semesters, beginning in the spring and continuing through the summer, fall, and following spring. The program includes meeting on campus two weekends per semester, with other coursework completed off-site. The curriculum is taught by faculty from the UT Health Science Center as well as other nationally and internationally known experts in the field of physical therapy.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There is a rolling admission process. Applications will be accepted until the class is full or until the deadline of December 15 for spring entry is reached, whichever comes first. Applicants should submit all required documents listed below to the Department of Physical Therapy by the December deadline.

- Completion of the [Texas Common Application](#) and payment of the \$50 application fee. Be sure to indicate you are applying to the transitional DPT and not the entry-level (first PT degree) DPT program.
- Official transcripts from the CAPTE-accredited physical therapy program from which the entry-level physical therapy degree was earned.
- Copy of current license to practice physical therapy from a state or jurisdiction within the United States.

UPON ADMISSION, THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED:

- Evidence of current health insurance showing dates of coverage.
- Immunization Record: Immunization requirements can be found at the student health center web page: http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/shc/hc_immunization.asp
- Completion of a background check (\$45 fee) prior to matriculation. This process should be initiated immediately after receiving the acceptance letter and must be completed by January 5. Directions for this process will be included in the acceptance letter.
- Payment of a \$250 non-refundable deposit that is credited toward tuition.

PROGRAM COSTS

		<u>Total</u>
In-State Tuition	\$2,000/semester	\$8,000
Out-of-State Tuition	\$3,000/semester	\$12,000

Additional required fees are the ID Card fee (\$15) and the Graduation fee (\$60). Other costs may include books, copy fees, parking, library fees, and miscellaneous office supplies. Also, every student is expected to have a computer and have internet access. Travel and living expenses are not included in this cost estimate.

T-DPT PROGRAM CURRICULUM

SPRING SEMESTER	Credit Hours
Physical Therapy: A 21 st -Century Primary Doctoring Profession	2.0
Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Practice	2.0
SUMMER SEMESTER	
Medical Screening in Physical Therapy	2.0
Clinical Decision Making Across the Lifespan	2.0
FALL SEMESTER	
Diagnostic Imaging for Physical Therapists	2.0
Pharmacology in Physical Therapy	2.0
SPRING SEMESTER	
Professional & Ethical Decision Making and Clinical Risk Management	2.0
Business, Marketing, and Reimbursement Practice Issues	2.0
Curriculum Total	16.0

The following additional courses are only required if a student does not possess a master's degree in physical therapy:

SUMMER SEMESTER	Credit Hours
*Research in Physical Therapy	3.0
*Current Issues in Musculoskeletal, Neurologic, Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy and Orthotics and Prosthetics	3.0
Curriculum Total	22.0

* Students with a bachelor's degree in PT and significant post-graduate training can request a waiver of these two additional courses. The waiver request document can be found on our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office of Student Services Application Center

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