

Doctor of Physical Therapy, DPT

Requirements

The Doctor of Physical Therapy requires a minimum of 104 s.h. and is completed in two and a half years. Students must maintain a Graduate College program grade-point average of at least 3.00.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Iowa is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Satisfactory completion of the professional program qualifies candidates to take the National Physical Therapy Exam for licensure to practice. The minimum passing score on the exam is the same in all jurisdictions.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree requires the following coursework.

First Year, Summer

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:5101	Introduction to Physical Therapy Practice	2
PTRS:5102	Principles of Physical Therapy I	2
PTRS:5205	Health Promotion and Wellness	3

First Year, Fall

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:5100	Professional Issues and Ethics	1
PTRS:5103	Principles of Physical Therapy II	2
PTRS:5209	Surface Anatomy	1
PTRS:5210	Kinesiology and Pathomechanics	4
PTRS:5212	Human Pathology for the Physical Therapist	3
PTRS:5235	Case-Based Learning I	1
PTRS:5790	Integrated Clinical Education in Physical Therapy I	1
ACB:5108	Human Anatomy	5

First Year, Spring

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:5131	Therapeutic Physical Agents	2
PTRS:5144	Interprofessional Education I: Team-Based Approach to Health Care	1
PTRS:5201	Musculoskeletal Therapeutics I	3
PTRS:5206	Cardiopulmonary Therapeutics	3
PTRS:5215	Applied Clinical Medicine	2
PTRS:5236	Case-Based Learning II	1

PTRS:5791	Integrated Clinical Education in Physical Therapy II	1
PTRS:6253	Functional Neuroanatomy	4

Second Year, Summer

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:6120	Physical Therapy Management and Administration I	2
PTRS:6143	Selected Topics in Physical Therapy Practice	2
PTRS:6176	Pharmacology for Physical Therapists	3
PTRS:6793	Integrated Clinical Education in Physical Therapy III	3

Second Year, Fall

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:6122	Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care	1
PTRS:6134	Physical Therapy Management of Integumentary System	2
PTRS:6145	Interprofessional Education II: Communication, Teaching, and Learning	1
PTRS:6170	Management of People With Prosthetic and Orthotic Needs	2
PTRS:6200	Pediatric Physical Therapy	2
PTRS:6202	Musculoskeletal Therapeutics II	3
PTRS:6224	Activity-Based Neural and Musculoskeletal Plasticity in Health Care	4
PTRS:6237	Community Outreach and Engagement I	1
PTRS:6250	Critical Inquiry I: Evidence-Based Practice	2
One of these (with advisor approval):		1
PTRS:7930	Critical Thinking in Neuro-Mechanical Systems	1
PTRS:7931	Critical Thinking in Pain	1
PTRS:7932	Critical Thinking in Biomechanics and Human Performance Assessment	1
PTRS:7933	Critical Thinking in Activity-Based Plasticity	1
PTRS:7934	Critical Thinking in Neural Plasticity	1
PTRS:7935	Critical Thinking in Movement Science	1
PTRS:7936	Critical Thinking in Cardiovascular Physiology	1

Second Year, Spring

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:6121	Physical Therapy Management and Administration II	1

PTRS:6133	Pain Mechanisms and Treatment	2
PTRS:6172	Radiology/Imaging for Physical Therapists	2
PTRS:6173	Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy	2
PTRS:6203	Musculoskeletal Therapeutics III	4
PTRS:6204	Progressive Functional Exercise	2
PTRS:6225	Neuromuscular Therapeutics	3
PTRS:6238	Community Outreach and Engagement II	1
PTRS:6251	Critical Inquiry II: Rehabilitation Research	2
PTRS:6792	Integrated Clinical Education in Physical Therapy IV	1

Third Year, Summer

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:6794	Terminal Clinical Education in Physical Therapy I	4

Third Year, Fall

Course #	Title	Hours
PTRS:6252	Critical Inquiry III: Clinical Application	1
PTRS:6795	Terminal Clinical Education in Physical Therapy II	4
PTRS:6796	Terminal Clinical Education in Physical Therapy III	4