

# DOCTOR of PHYSICAL THERAPY



- Problem-based learning (PBL) curriculum allows students to learn and integrate material based on clinical patient cases
- Students participate in a total of 36 weeks of clinical experiences
- Clinical affiliations with over 300 facilities in western Pennsylvania area, throughout the United States, and abroad.
- Prepares graduates with the necessary critical thinking and problem solving skills to practice in all fields, including: cardiovascular, geriatrics, neurology, oncology, orthopedic, pediatrics, pulmonary, sports therapy, and women's health
- Seven semesters
- Clinical experiences integrated throughout the curriculum.
- Service learning component
- Curriculum stresses evidence-based practice and professionalism
- Faculty all clinically active and professionally involved
- Small class size with faculty accessible to students
- Last year, 100% of our graduates were employed within six months of graduation

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## APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

Applicants to Chatham University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program must use the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). PTCAS allows applicants to apply to professional programs using a single online application, one set of transcripts, and one set of references. Applications may be submitted at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org).

- Early Decision application deadline: October 1
- Regular Decision application deadline: December 1

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Cumulative prerequisite course grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale; grades of less than a "C" are not acceptable in prerequisite courses
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Satisfactory score on GRE
- Required prerequisite courses
- On-campus writing sample and interview
- Official transcripts verifying cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above upon applicant's acceptance of an offer of admission
- Evidence of volunteer/work experience in a physical therapy setting
- Three references: two academic and one physical therapist

## CHATHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- [Master of Science in Biology](#)
- [Master of Occupational Therapy](#)
- [Master of Physician Assistant Studies](#)
- [Doctor of Physical Therapy](#)
- [Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy](#)

## PREREQUISITES

Although all applicants must satisfactorily complete the following courses in order to be eligible to begin the Chatham University DPT program, completion of all courses is not a requirement for submitting an application.

- General biology with lab (two terms)
- General chemistry with lab (two terms)
- Physics with lab (two terms)
- Anatomy (one term)\*
- Physiology (one term)\*
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Statistics (one term)

*\*If taking anatomy with physiology, both Anatomy & Physiology I and II are necessary to fulfill the anatomy and physiology requirement*

Practice as a professional requires proficiency in oral and written communication. Students will be expected to demonstrate these proficiencies at the time of the on-campus writing assignment and interview

## REQUIRED COURSE CURRICULUM

### Term 1

- Human Gross Anatomy and Lab
- Introduction to Clinical Skills
- Human Physiology
- Fundamentals of Exercise Physiology
- Principles of Practice I: Introduction to PT Practice

### Term 2

- Principles of Neuroscience
- Correlative Neuroscience
- Foundations of Movement Science I
- Principles of Practice II: The Patient-Provider Relationship

### Term 3

- Management of Musculoskeletal Systems Dysfunction
- Principles of Practice III: System Dynamics, Ethics and Education

### Term 4

- Clinical Experience I for 10 weeks
- Principles of Practice IV: Integration of Psychosocial Issues and Social Responsibility
- Management of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems Dysfunction
- Foundations of Movement Science II
- Research I

### Term 5

- Management of Neuromuscular Systems Dysfunction
- Management of Pediatric Neuromuscular Systems Dysfunction
- Principles of Practice V: Community Service

### Term 6

- Clinical Experience II for 10 weeks
- Research II
- Management of Multi-System Dysfunction
- Principles of Practice VI: Health Care Delivery, Management, and Policy

### Term 7

- Clinical Experience III or
- Clinical Experience IV and
- Clinical Experience V (16 weeks)
- Principles of Practice VI: Art and Science of Physical Therapy

