

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

# Physical Therapy (DPT)

**Degree Level: Professional - Doctorate**

**Program Length: 33 months**

The DPT program at MU is a three-year program with three application options, including a direct-admit track for incoming freshmen that allows students to start the DPT curriculum in their senior year at MU.

## Incoming Freshmen: Early Assurance Program

- Apply with your freshman application to the university for the direct-admit program, which allows you to complete both your B.S. and D.P.T. degrees in six years, instead of seven.
- Students accepted to the direct-admit PT program pursue one of the approved majors for the first three years while completing the DPT prerequisites. Within the College of Health Sciences, the available majors are Exercise Physiology (most common) and Biomedical Sciences.
- Students who meet the progression requirements for the direct-admit program begin the DPT curriculum in their senior year.
- Approximately 72 freshmen are selected for the Early Assurance Program each cohort.

## Current MU Students (or MU grads): Internal Transfer

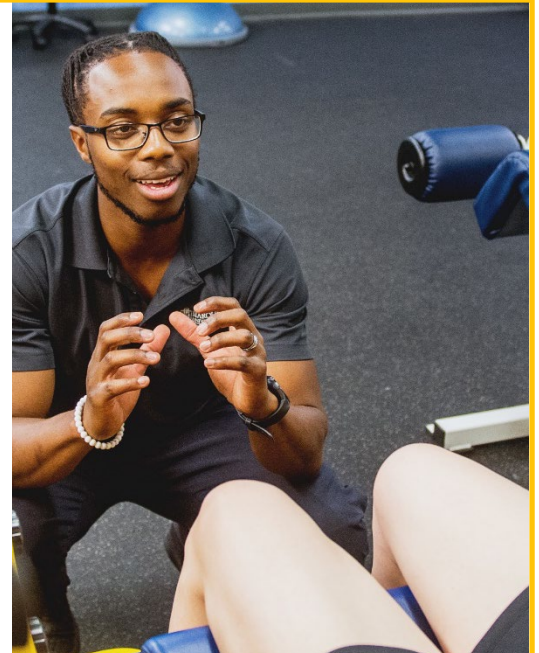
- If you are an MU student not in the direct-admit program, you can work with your academic adviser to parallel the program in your first three years at MU to apply in your junior year to start the DPT curriculum in your senior year.
- To qualify for internal transfer, an applicant must have completed at least one-half of the DPT prerequisites at MU or have graduated from the Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences graduate program at MU.

## External Applicants

- Although the DPT program at MU has a freshman direct-admit track, spaces are reserved for external applicants with completed degrees from other institutions.
- Submit your application through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application System (PTCAS).
- See the Physical Therapy web site for information on DPT prerequisites, other application requirements and deadlines.

*See reverse side for program prerequisites and curriculum*

For more information,  
scan the QR code or visit:  
[Marquette.edu/physical-therapy](http://Marquette.edu/physical-therapy)



## Why PT at MU?

- **Specialize**  
Advanced elective courses and specialty clinical sites allow you to further develop your interests in a focused area such as business, sports, orthopedics, pediatrics, cardiopulmonary, wellness, geriatrics, or neurological rehab.
- **Integrated Clinical Experiences**  
With 32 weeks of clinical experience in your final two years, and over 700 clinical sites nationwide, you will experience PT in a variety of settings and locations.
- **Distinguished Program –**  
Marquette PT is highly ranked by US News and World Report with both faculty and students receiving national and state recognition for their outstanding work.



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## Physical Therapy

### Prerequisites

PREREQUISITE COURSES	Credits
Biology (one semester with or without lab)	3
General Chemistry 1 and 2 (with lab)	8
General Physics 1 and 2 (with lab)	8
Anatomy and Physiology (separate courses or two-course A&P sequence)	6
Statistics	3
Abnormal or Developmental Psychology	3
Intro to Physical Therapy (PPTH 1001) – optional for transfer applicants	1

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and/or dual enrollment credits may be applied toward a maximum of four DPT prerequisites, excluding CHEM 1002, PHYS 1002, anatomy and physiology. These four courses must be completed at the college level for a letter grade after high school graduation.

### DPT – Year 1 (senior year for DRPT students)

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
Human Gross Anatomy	Neuroanatomy	Intro to Evidence Based Dec. Making
Human Physiology	Patient/Client Management 2	Diagnostic Imaging
Culture and Disability	Clinical Pathology & Pathophysiology	Physical Technologies/Electrotherapy
Patient/Client Management 1	Geriatric Rehabilitation	Wound/Integumentary PT
Pharmacology	Kinesiology 1: The Upper Extremity	<b>All course work is on-campus</b>

### DPT – Year 2

FALL SEMESTER (starts 1 wk early)	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
Physiology of Activity	Pain Mechanisms and Treatment	Clinical Education Experience 2
Patient/Client Management 3	Introduction to Pediatrics	<b>A 10-wk clinical at various locations across the country</b>
Orthopedics 1	Orthopedics 2	
Kinesiology 2: The Spine and LE	Cardiovascular & Pulmonary PT	
Differential Diagnosis	Advanced Biomechanics & Kinesiology	
Clinical Education Experience 1 (4 wk)	Neurological Rehabilitation 1	
<b>12 wks of classes, then 4 wks of clinical</b>		

### DPT – Year 3

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
Neurological Rehabilitation 2	Clinical Education Experience 3
Clinically Applied EBDM	Clinical Education Experience 4
Pediatric Disorders and Intervention	<b>Two 9-wk clinicals at various locations across the country</b>
Clinical Issues and Decision-Making	
Advanced Topics in PT (optional)	

Note: This curriculum is subject to change prior to a student entering the Professional Phase of the DPT program. Students are bound by the curriculum that is in place upon entering the first year of the DPT curriculum.

