



ADMISSION APPLICATION

**TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
(DPT)**

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CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

THE TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT) DEGREE

OVERVIEW,

Chapman University houses the longest continually accredited post-baccalaureate physical therapy educational program in the United States. Chapman University is the only institution in Orange County, Ca. that offers a physical therapy program.

The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree at Chapman University is designed to give all physical therapists the opportunity to meet the professional goal of doctoral education. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has a vision sentence stating that by 2020, physical therapy will be provided by doctors of physical therapy. In keeping with the Mission of Chapman University to provide personalized education, we emphasize self-assessment of current professional competencies resulting in the development of a curricular plan to address identified needs.

The program combines on-line and weekend, non-traditional courses to allow flexibility for practicing physical therapists. The program strives to be consistent with APTA's plan to meet the practice and professional needs of practitioners, offer flexible and accessible curricula appropriate for a doctoring profession, and build upon the knowledge and experience of the practitioner.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

This clinical doctorate degree is for physical therapists licensed in the United States and for selected students currently enrolled in accredited programs leading to a master's degree in physical therapy. Students concurrently enrolled must have permission from their program director and achieve licensure before continuing beyond twelve hours of study.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Graduates from the transitional DPT program will be prepared for the following competencies:

1. Use the patient/client management model to provide physical therapy in the practice domains of musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary, and integumentary and include screening, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, planning of care, providing intervention, and assessment outcomes for individuals and populations of patients.
2. Evaluate professional literature and presentations related to physical therapy practice, research, and education and incorporate evidence /consensus-based practice into all arenas.

3. Communicate effectively with patients/clients, families, practitioners, payers, policymakers and other stakeholders.
4. Use cultural consideration in all professional interactions and decision-making processes.
5. Behave as a doctoring professional, utilizing current ethical and legal concepts.
6. Participate in scholarly activities that contribute to the body of physical therapy knowledge.
7. Participate in educational activities for patients/clients, professionals, clinical PT and PTA students, and the community.
8. Develop a professional plan for development.
9. Participate in prevention, health promotion, and wellness programs.
10. Assume leadership roles in administration/management, patient advocacy, consultation, and professional responsibilities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Academic Degree:
 - a. A degree from an accredited physical therapist program in the United States
 - b. Or a substantially equivalent degree from a foreign institution
 - c. Or a degree in another field and a certificate to practice physical therapy
 - d. Or be within one year of graduation in an accredited program leading to a master's degree in physical therapy. In case of students concurrently enrolled, applicants need a letter of good standing and permission from the program director.
2. Transcripts from the physical therapy program reflecting grade point average of 3.0.
3. Current license to practice in the United States or receipt of a license prior to continuing beyond 12 hours of study in the DPT program.
4. Application form, resume and application fee.
5. Computer resources and skill sufficient for participation in on-line courses.

PROGRAM COSTS:

Fees are set by university policy and are approximately \$580 per credit hour. The program is designed to be flexible to allow students to enroll in 1-3 courses at a time. Rates are subject to change.

DPT CURRICULUM (TRANSITIONAL TRACT):

All students complete a Professional Self-Assessment course as the first step of the program. The results of the self-assessment portfolio allow students and a faculty advisor to determine an individual course of study. Students who provide evidence of attainment of expected competencies may elect to be exempted from a maximum of 6 credit hours and from one or more of the core courses. Elective courses are available, and students may transfer a maximum of 6 semester credit hours of graduate course work from accredited institutions with approval of the faculty advisor.

1. Students with master's degrees complete 24-30 units:
A minimum of 24 semester credit hours of graduate course work must be completed for the DPT degree at Chapman University for physical therapists with a master's degree.
2. Students with a baccalaureate degree or certificate complete 36-42 credit hours.
A minimum of 36 semester credit hours of graduate course work must be completed for the DPT degree for physical therapists with a master's degree.

Core Courses:	Master's Credit hours	Baccalaureate Credit hours
1. Professional Self-Assessment (Required for all students)	3	3
2. Critical Inquiry into Literature and Professional Information	3	3
3. Screening	2	2
4. Differential Diagnosis	3	3
5. Advance Practice Management I and II	5	5
6. Imaging and Diagnostic Tests	3	3
7. Applied Pharmacology	3	3
8. Ethics	3	3
9. Advanced Clinical Internship (may be repeated)	2	2-6
10. Professional Leadership and Development	3	3
11. Practice Issues in Physical Therapy	-	3
12. Electives (as agreed upon with faculty advisor)	-	<u>6-9</u>
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	30	42

* min. 24 for masters, 36 for baccalaureate

How to Apply

PLEASE READ AND THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. Complete the admission application and submit to the Physical Therapy Department.

Please print clearly. Give your full legal name and answer all questions.
See the last page of this application packet for minimum admission requirements.

2. Include the \$50 application fee.

This fee is non-refundable. A check or money order should be made payable to Chapman University.

3. Required transcripts.

Official transcripts from the physical therapy educational program and for any additional degrees or college course work since the PT degree was earned. Transcripts must be submitted for evaluation in sealed envelopes to be considered official. Transcripts can be ordered from the registrar's office of the institution awarding the degree.

If have a degree in another field and a certificate to practice physical therapy, the official transcripts for the degree and certificate are required.

4. If you are enrolling concurrently during your MPT program, a letter of good standing and permission from the program director are required.

5. If you are a graduate of a foreign institution you must:

List the full names (do not translate or abbreviate) of all institutions attended and the titles of all diplomas or degrees obtained on the application form. All records from foreign institutions must be official and must bear the actual (not photocopied) signature of the registrar and seal of the issuing institution. Records issued only to the students may be photocopied but must be certified as original copies by the school officials or legal authorities such as embassies or notaries. Do not send the original of an academic record that cannot be replaced.

6. Copy of a current license to practice as a physical therapist in the United States. (Or receipt of a license before continuing beyond 12 hours of study in the DPT program).

7. Please include a resume in your application package.

You may submit your application prior to receiving official transcripts and have transcripts sent directly to the Department of Physical Therapy.

