Doctor of Physical Therapy (124 Credits)

Academic and Program Requirements for Entry into the graduate program

1. Successful completion of all pre-professional course work with "C" or better and a minimum 3.0 cumulative QPA: Biology I & II, Chemistry I & II, Physics I & II, Introduction to Psychology and Biostatistics. Science courses must have labs, and ALL courses should be completed at a 4-year college or university.

2. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 303 or higher.

3. Documentation of current AHA Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Certification.

4. Documentation of a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer, paid or shadowing experience. These experiences must be with a licensed physical therapist and take place in at least two different types of physical therapy clinical settings.

5. Completion of a physical examination and other pre-clinical health requirements.

6. Departmental approval.

Course Sequence: Professional phase courses are only offered in the semester shown. All courses must be taken in sequence.

### Fall of 1st Year – 14 Credits
- HLTS-535 Histology (1 cr.)
- PHYT-547 Foundational Skills/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-560 POP II: Social and Cultural Issues (3 cr.)
- HLTS-570/L Anatomy I/Lab (4 cr.)
- HLTS-580 Physiology I (3 cr.)

### Summer of 1st Year – 8 Credits
- PHYT-506 Exercise Physiology & Wellness/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-508 Examination Methods/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-530 Topics in Research (2 cr.)

### Fall of 2nd Year – 18 Credits
- PHYT-518 Orthopedic Science Foundations (3 cr.)
- PHYT-521 Orthopedic Science – Spine/Lab (3 cr.)
- HLTS-551 Medical Sciences I (3 cr.)
- PHYT-569 POP IV: Patient Care & Education (2 cr.)
- HLTS-603 Neuroscience (4 cr.)

### Summer of 2nd Year – 19 Credits
- PHYT-544 Clinical Neurologic Science II/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-564 Special Topics in Geriatrics/Lab (2 cr.)
- PHYT-570 Ergonomics & Environ. Considerations/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-572 Pediatrics/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-510 Clinical Education I (8 cr.)

### Fall of 3rd Year – 13 Credits
- PHYT-601 Differential Diagnosis in PT/Lab (2 cr.)
- PHYT-605 Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Science/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-620 Clinical Neurologic Science III/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-621 Clinical Neurologic Science IV/Lab (2 cr.)
- PHYT-625 PT Management (3 cr.)
- PHYT-630 Grand Rounds (0 cr.)

### Spring of 1st Year – 17 Credits
- PHYT-521W POP III: Ethical, Moral & Legal Issues (1 cr.)
- HLTS-530 Principles of Research (2 cr.)
- PHYT-535 Psychology of illness & Disability/Lab (3 cr.)
- HLTS-537/L Functional Kinesiology-Biomechanics/Lab (3 cr.)
- HLTS-571/L Anatomy II/Lab (4 cr.)
- HLTS-581 Physiology II (4 cr.)

### Spring of 2nd Year – 17 Credits
- PHYT-519 Orthopedic Science – Upper Extremity/Lab (3 cr.)
- HLTS-520 Topics in Pharmacology (3 cr.)
- PHYT-520 Orthopedic Science – Lower Extremity/Lab (3 cr.)
- PHYT-543 Clinical Neurologic Science I/Lab (3 cr.)
- HLTS-552 Medical Sciences II (3 cr.)
- PHYT-613 Prosthetics & Orthotics/Lab (2 cr.)

### Spring of 3rd Year – 10 Credits
- PHYT-610 Clinical Education II (5 cr.)
- PHYT-611 Clinical Education III (5 cr.)

### Summer of 3rd Year – 8 Credits
- PHYT-612 Clinical Education IV (8 cr.)

Accreditation Status: The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Duquesne University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org.

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