

PHYSICAL THERAPY**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, Anatomy & Physiology 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 4th Year – 14 Credits

HLTS-435 Histology (1 cr.)
PHYT-437/L Kinesiology I/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYT-447 Foundational Skills/Lab (3 cr.)
HLTS-470/L Anatomy I/Lab (4 cr.)
HLTS-480 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-525/L Therapeutic Modalities/Lab (3 cr.)
HLTS-551 Medical Sciences I (3 cr.)
PHYT-569 POP: 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-421W POP: Ethical, Moral & Legal Issues (1 cr.)
HLTS-430 Principles of Research (2 cr.)
PHYT-435 Psychology of Illness & Disability/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYT-438/L Kinesiology II/Lab (3 cr.)
HLTS-471/L Anatomy II/Lab (4 cr.)
HLTS-481 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-615 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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