



John G. Rangos, Sr.
School of Health Sciences

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Pre-Professional Phase – Health Science Track (97 Credits)

In most cases, courses listed in bold must be taken in the exact semester indicated; all other courses are interchangeable.

Fall of 1st Year – 15 Credits

BIOL-111/L Biology I: Cells, Genetics, Dev/Lab (4/0 cr.)
HLTS-115 Intro to Health & Movement Exercise Science (1 cr.)
BRDG-101 Writing & Analysis (3 cr.)
BRDG-103 IPE Health Research Skills (1 cr.)
PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
BRDG-105 Intro to Ethical Reasoning (3 cr.)

Spring of 1st Year – 16 Credits

BIOL-112/L Biology II: Diversity, Eco, Evo/Lab (4/0 cr.)
ATHT-120 Elements of AT, Info Lit & Term (3 cr.)
BRDG-102 Writing & Literature (3 cr.)
THEO Requirement (3 cr.)
Cultural Fluency & Responsiveness (3 cr.)

Fall of 2nd Year – 18 Credits

BIOL-207/8 Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab (3/1 cr.)
CHEM-121/L/R General Chemistry I/Lab/Rec (4/1 cr.)
HLTS-225/L Current Concepts in Sports Medicine (3/0 cr.)
MATH-225 Introduction to Biostatistics (3 cr.)
PHIL Requirement (3 cr.)

Spring of 2nd Year – 15 Credits

BIOL-209/10 Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab (3/1 cr.)
CHEM-122/L/R General Chemistry II/Lab/Rec (4/1 cr.)
MATH-335 Biostatistics II (3 cr.)
Essential Questions Seminar (3 cr.)

Fall of 3rd Year – 16 Credits

PBHL-318 Healthcare Delivery & Organization (3 cr.)
HLTS-311/L Tests & Measures/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYS-201/L/R Physics for Life Sci I/Lab/Rec (3/1 cr.)
PBHL-301 Intro to Epidemiology (3 cr.)
Communication & Creative Expression (3 cr.)

Spring of 3rd Year – 17 Credits

HLTS-402W/L Nutrition & Weight Mgmt/Lab (3/0 cr.)
HLTS-407W/L Physiology of Exercise/Lab (3/0 cr.)
PHYS-202/L/R Physics for Life Sci II/Lab/Rec (3/1 cr.)
PHYT-301 Introduction to Physical Therapy (1 cr.)
HCE-255, PHIL-252, or THEO-253 Health Care Ethics (3 cr.)
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving (3 cr.)

Academic and Program Requirements for Entry into the Professional Phase

1. Successful completion of all pre-professional course work with “C” or better and a minimum 3.0 cumulative QPA.
2. An average GPA of 3.0 or higher is also required for Biology I & II with labs, Chemistry I & II with labs, Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs, Physics I & II with labs, Introduction to Biostatistics, and Introduction to Psychology.
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.

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Professional Phase (124 Credits)

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 4th 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.)

Spring of 4th 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.)

Fall of 5th Year – 18 Credits

PHYT-518 Orthopedic Science Foundations (3 cr.)
PHYT-521 Orthopedic Science – Spine/Lab (3 cr.)
HLTS-525/L Therapeutic Modalities/Lab (3/0 cr.)
HLTS-551 Medical Sciences I (3 cr.)
PHYT-569 POP: Patient Care & Education (2 cr.)
HLTS-603 Neuroscience (4 cr.)

Spring of 5th 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.)
PHYT-572 Pediatrics/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYT-615 Prosthetics & Orthotics/Lab (2 cr.)

Summer of 5th Year – 16 Credits

PHYT-544 Clinical Neurologic Science II/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYT-564 Special Topics in Geriatrics/Lab (2 cr.)
PHYT-625 PT Management (3 cr.)
PHYT-510 Clinical Education I (8 cr.)

Fall of 6th Year – 16 Credits

PHYT-570 Ergonomics & Environ. Considerations/Lab (3 cr.)
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-630 Grand Rounds (3 cr.)

Spring of 6th Year – 10 Credits

PHYT-610 Clinical Education II (10 cr.)

Summer of 6th Year – 8 Credits

PHYT-611 Clinical Education III (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.capteline.org>.

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