

Oakland University

DEGREE

Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT)

ACADEMIC UNIT

School of Health Sciences

ACCREDITATION

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

PURPOSE

The goal of the post-professional DScPT is to offer advanced, graduate level courses to physical therapists interested in obtaining a doctoral degree after completion of a bachelor's or master's degree in physical therapy. This program can be designed to accomplish the goals of the individual student by either emphasizing an advanced general course of study aimed to produce an autonomous general physical therapy practitioner or an advanced specialized course of study for those interested in developing clinical specialization in a particular area.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants for the DScPT in physical therapy should hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from an accredited institution with an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above. Applicants must submit an official transcript(s), GRE scores (general), two letters of recommendation, and a copy of their PT license. In addition, each candidate must also submit a professional vitae or resume and a one-page narrative goal statement outlining academic and professional goals.

Application materials can be obtained from the Office of Graduate Study or apply on-line at www.Oakland.edu/grad.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy consists of 90 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree or 54 credits beyond a master's degree. The faculty will evaluate prior graduate coursework. A maximum of 9 semester hours are transferable from other universities. Only courses approved by the student's graduate committee and that meet the university time limitations will be transferable. Successful completion of an individual research study is required. A maximum of 8 years is allowed for completion of all degree requirements.

CORE COURSES (24 credits)

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| PT | 800 | Professional Seminar | 4 |
| PT | 810 | Application of Educational Principles in PT | 4 |
| PT | 900 | Advanced Scientific Inquiry I | 4 |
| PT | 901 | Advanced Scientific Inquiry II | 2 |
| PT | 950 | Research Practicum | 10 |

PT CONCENTRATION (16 – 54 credits)

All students must develop a concentration that may include some combination of the following:

- A certificate
 - Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy (OMPT)
 - Graduate Certificate in Pediatric Rehabilitation (GCPR)
 - Other PT certificates as developed
- Advanced research practicum
- Teaching Practicum
- An approved set of related coursework

COGNATES (9 - 12)

Non-PT courses that support or complement the DScPT degree.

