

The University of Scranton PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Doctor of Physical Therapy



WHY SCRANTON?

Professional programming. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You'll find all of this — and more — when you choose The University of Scranton for your Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education at a CAPTE-accredited DPT program.

AT A GLANCE

- Enrolls students that are academically strong, caring and committed to the profession of physical therapy
- Commits to the graduation of entry-level physical therapists who meet the changing needs of the individuals they serve
- Produces graduates that are capable of providing physical therapy services in any setting.

OUTCOMES

Careers for DPT graduates include positions in health-related facilities such as:

- Inpatient (e.g., hospitals, rehabilitation centers), outpatient, schools, and home health. Specialty areas include: Orthopedics, Neurology, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Pelvic Health & Sports Medicine
- 2021 First-time pass rate on national licensing exam of 90.0% with overall pass rates typically ranging from 98.7% to 100%
- Employment rate for 2020 graduates is 100%

FILLING A GROWING NEED

WHY PHYSICAL THERAPY IS IN DEMAND:

- Employment of physical therapists is projected to grow 21% from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- *U.S. News & World Report* has repeatedly included physical therapists among its best 100 jobs in terms of employment opportunity, good salary, manageable work-life balance and job security.
- With the aging of the “Baby Boomer” population, there will be increased demand for physical therapists.

GETTING RECOGNIZED

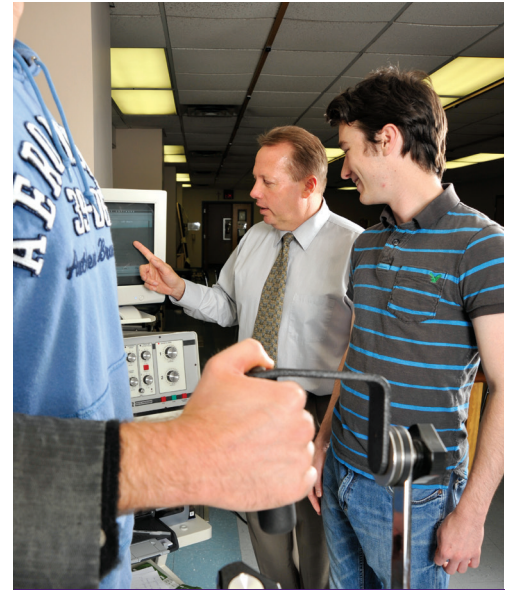
Results, Reputation & Accreditation

- Outstanding success in having faculty-directed student research presented annually at national scientific meetings. (100% of systematic reviews accepted for presentation in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association



ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING

Faculty Engagement



PERSONAL ATTENTION

- Learn from an incomparable faculty with professional expertise and certified specialists that will challenge and inspire you.
- Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring extensive work experiences to the classroom experience.
- Work alongside a faculty mentor who will assist with personal academic planning and professional development throughout the program.

JESUIT VALUES

- *Strong emphasis on ethics and social justice*
- *Develop others to the full potential*
- *Emphasis on global perspectives*
- *Opportunities for domestic and international service trips*
- *Men and women serving others*



Prerequisite Course Requirements:

(Must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher)

- **Biology with Labs:** 2 courses, 8 credits minimum
- **General Chemistry with Labs:** 2 courses, 8 credits minimum
- **General Physics with Labs:** 2 courses, 8 credits minimum
- **Anatomy and/or Physiology:** 1 course, 3 credits minimum
- **General Psychology:** 1 course, 3 credits minimum
- **Advanced Psychology (Childhood, Adolescence, Aging, Abnormal or Sports Psychology):** 1 course, 3 credits minimum
- **Statistics:** 1 course, 3 credits minimum

Program of Study

SUMMER:

PT 700/700L – Anatomy for PT

FIRST YEAR:

- PT 701 – Introduction to PT
- PT 702/702L – Basic Patient Management in PT
- PT 703/703L – Advanced Patient Management in PT
- PT 704/704L – Therapeutic Exercise in PT
- PT 705/705L – Therapeutic Modalities in PT
- PT 706/706L – Kinesiology and Pathokinesiology for PT
- PT 707/707L – Applied Clinical Neuroscience for PT
- PT 711 – Neurological PT I
- PT 713/713L – Orthopedic PT I
- PT 753 – Applied Pathology for PT
- PT 781 – PT Grand Rounds I
- PT 791 – PT Clinical Education Seminar
- PT 792 – PT Clinical Experience I

SECOND YEAR:

- PT 712/712L – Neurological PT II
- PT 714/714L – Orthopedic PT II
- PT 721/721L – Rehabilitation I for PT
- PT 731/731L – Pediatric PT
- PT 732 – Geriatric PT
- PT 741/741L – Cardiovascular and Pulmonary PT
- PT 744/744L – Motor Control/Motor Learning for PT
- PT 752 – Pharmacology in PT
- PT 755 – Principles of Teaching & Learning in PT
- PT 771 – Scientific Inquiry I in PT
- PT 772 – Scientific Inquiry II in PT
- PT 782 – PT Grand Rounds II
- PT 793 – PT Clinical Education Seminar II
- PT 794 – PT Clinical Experience II

THIRD YEAR:

- PT 722/722L – Rehabilitation II for PT
- PT 743 – Psychosocial Aspects of Disability for PT
- PT 754 – Diagnosis in PT
- PT 756 – Professional Practice Issues for PT
- PT 757 – Organization and Management in PT
- PT 773 – Scientific Inquiry III in PT
- PT 783 – PT Grand Rounds III
- PT 795 – PT Clinical Education Seminar III
- PT 796 – PT Clinical Experience III



DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL SERVICE EXPERIENCES

In recent years, the Physical Therapy Department faculty has traveled with students on extremely rewarding domestic (Navajo Nation in St. Michaels Arizona) and international (Guadalajara Mexico, Guyana South America and Guatemala Central America) service trips. The service trips enable the students to actively participate in cultural experiences, while practicing patient treatment under the supervision of experienced faculty members.

WHAT NEXT? HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE

Applicants who have questions about our nondiscrimination policy, or have concerns about discrimination on the basis of sex should contact: Title IX Coordinator, c/o • The Office of Equity & Diversity • Institute of Molecular Biology & Medicine, Rm 315 • TitleIX@scranton.edu • 570.941.6645

CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

You are encouraged to contact the Program Director, Dr. Renee Hakim, for information on the academic components of the DPT program. To contact Dr. Hakim, please email renee.hakim@scranton.edu or call 570.941.7499.

SCHEDULE A VISIT

Personal appointments with an Admissions representative are offered Monday through Friday and can provide insight to the application and admission process. Sign up online to register for your visit at: scranton.edu/gradvisit

APPLY NOW

We welcome applications on a rolling basis for admission into the summer term only. The application is available through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service known as PTCAS in July of the prior year. All application requirements must be submitted through PTCAS at ptcas.org. For additional application and admission information, please visit scranton.edu/gradapply

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Admission to the DPT program is competitive and limited to 40 qualified applicants each year. Admission is based on a combination of several indicators including: previous academic performance with the completion of a bachelor's degree (overall GPA, Science GPA, retakes), three professional letters of recommendation, personal statement, service participation, and relevant professional experience.

DO MORE

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate students have the opportunity to gain employment as graduate assistants. The assistantship enables the student to pursue a graduate education, strengthen the quality of their educational experience and helps the University develop the quality of its graduate programs. The student will be awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. *More at:* scranton.edu/ga

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