

Doctor of PHYSICAL THERAPY Degree Program

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In 1952, the University of Connecticut became the first public university in the nation to establish a physical therapy degree program. Based within the nationally ranked Neag School of Education, the Department of Kinesiology offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program.

As a professional doctoral program, the curriculum is designed to prepare physical therapists equipped to stay abreast of advances in physical therapy practice and health care, assuring their patients receive top quality care. By enhancing the strong didactic and clinical education experience, the DPT program also fosters each student's individual talents through collaborative research with an exceptional team of faculty mentors.

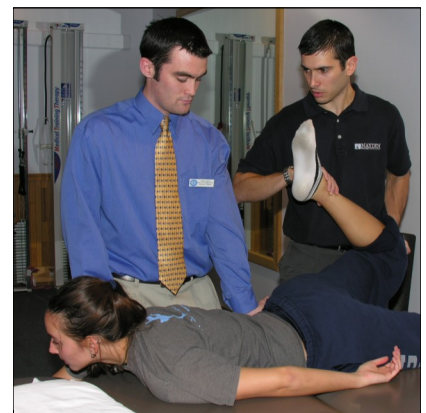
The DPT is a three year, post-bachelor's program that begins in May and includes summer sessions. The first year consists of coursework in basic and clinical sciences, as well as health care practices. During the second and third years, students participate in clinical experiences that are integrated into the curriculum. In their final year, students spend 60 percent of their time in supervised clinical practice.

Clinical Education

Clinical education is at the heart of our DPT program. We require our students to participate in four full-time clinical rotations that expose them to a wide variety of settings and a broad range of patient conditions. Through these experiences, we believe students integrate and expand the knowledge gained in the classroom. Our students participate in full time learning experiences at top-notch health care facilities across the country, such as Beth Israel Hospital, the Mayo Clinic, and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Sites are selected based on a known history of superior patient care and a clear statement of dedication to the learning process. The Britta R. Nayden Rehabilitation Clinic, run by the Department of Kinesiology, also serves as a local training site for students while providing care to the university and nearby communities.

Why Choose UConn?

- The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is housed in one of the nation's top ranked Department of Kinesiology.
- Our faculty possess a wealth of clinical, educational, and research experience representing the breadth of physical therapy practice.
- Our graduates are successful clinicians – many with ownership in clinical practices – who have become regional and national leaders of their profession as well as nationally and internationally respected educators and researchers.
- Our emphasis on real-world training includes a convenient on-campus affiliated rehabilitation clinic.
- We limit class size to cultivate supportive relationships between instructors and students.



"I looked at the DPT programs at a lot of schools and selected the UConn program because it was the best option. No matter which specialty I pursue, the UConn DPT program prepares us to work in a wide variety of settings."

Eric Selinsky
DPT Class of 2010

What We Look For:

All applicants must meet the University of Connecticut Graduate School admission standards and demonstrate successful completion (generally B average or better) of prerequisite coursework.

Required:

- Must have earned a bachelor's degree
- Completed the following prerequisite courses: Biology, General Chemistry I & II, Pre-Calculus or higher, General Physics I & II, Human Physiology & Anatomy I & II, Psychology (6 credits), and Statistics

Accepted students generally have:

- Cumulative GPAs of 3.2 or better
- GRE scores of 1150 or better

Application Process:

All application materials should be submitted to the University of Connecticut Graduate School. The Graduate School prepares applications for committee review. The DPT admissions committee will only review completed DPT applications that include all required support materials. Submissions are welcome beginning November 15th and **the submission deadline is January 15th**.

- Complete the University of Connecticut Graduate School Application
- Complete DPT Supplemental Application
 - ◆ Forms available online: www.pt.uconn.edu/apply
- Include a personal statement of 500 words addressing your interest in physical therapy and career interests
- Include three letters of reference
- Include official transcripts

Application Checklist:

Applications are accepted Nov. 15th – Jan. 15th

- Complete application to the Graduate School (online at <http://grad.uconn.edu>)
- Complete Supplemental Application to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program *
- Submit official transcripts of all collegiate work completed to date
- Submit three letters of reference
- Submit two Professional Recommendation forms *
- Submit a personal statement
- Submit the CT Residence Affidavit Δ
- Submit GRE Scores
- Submit TOEFL Scores (applicable to International Students)
- Submit a resume of not more than two pages

All materials should be sent to the following address:

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Graduate School
438 Whitney Road Ext, Unit 1006
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* available at PT website

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Graduate School website