

ENTRY-LEVEL

# DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Introducing the redesigned DPT program



Exciting news! A.T. Still University's (ATSU) entry-level **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** program has been enhanced to help you reach your goals faster and prepare you for long-term success. Now, you can earn your DPT in as little as 2.5 years, giving you a valuable head start on your career.

## YEAR 1

### FALL SEMESTER

#### SESSION 1:

|                  |                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| ASHS 6100        | Human Anatomy I                             |
| DPTR 7101        | Biomechanical Foundations of Movement I     |
| <b>DPTR 7113</b> | <b><i>Foundations of Practice (New)</i></b> |

#### SESSION 2:

|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| ASHS 6200 | Human Anatomy II                               |
| DPTR 7102 | Biomechanical Foundations of Movement II       |
| DPTR 7211 | Applied Human Physiology                       |
| DPTR 7221 | Psychosocial Aspects of Illness and Disability |
| DPTR 7114 | Documentation and Clinical Reasoning           |

#### SESSION 1 AND 2:

|           |                                                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DPTR 7116 | Therapeutic Exercise ( <i>Course name and credit hour change</i> ) |
| DPTR 7118 | Basic Patient Care Skills                                          |
| DPTR 7180 | Integrated Clinical Experience I                                   |

#### REMOVED COURSES:

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| DPTR 7110 | Professional Practice I         |
| DPTR 7112 | Educational Theory and Practice |

### SPRING SEMESTER

#### SESSION 1:

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| DPTR 7302 | Pathophysiology                   |
| DPTR 7330 | Musculoskeletal I                 |
| DPTR 7420 | Therapeutic Modalities            |
| DPTR 7380 | Integrated Clinical Experience II |
| DPTR 7390 | Comprehensive Practical I         |

#### SESSION 2:

|                  |                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| DPTR 7430        | Musculoskeletal II                            |
| <b>DPTR 7495</b> | <b><i>Whole Person Healthcare I (New)</i></b> |
| DPTR 7350        | Critical Inquiry I                            |

#### SESSION 1 AND 2:

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| DPTR 7323 | Clinical Gait Analysis             |
| DPTR 7320 | Neuroscience and Neural Conditions |
| DPTR 7440 | Rehabilitation I                   |

#### REMOVED COURSES:

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| DPTR 7499 | Differential Diagnosis |
|-----------|------------------------|

### SUMMER

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| DPTR 7580 | Clinical Education Experience I |
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## YEAR 2

### FALL SEMESTER

#### SESSION 1:

|           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| DPTR 8130 | Musculoskeletal III            |
| DPTR 8140 | Rehabilitation II              |
| DPTR 8145 | Human Development              |
| DPTR 8160 | Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation |

#### SESSION 2:

|           |                                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| DPTR 8230 | Musculoskeletal IV                                 |
| DPTR 8140 | Rehabilitation III                                 |
| DPTR 8145 | Pediatrics                                         |
| DPTR 8260 | Acute Care                                         |
| DPTR 8360 | Wound Management ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> ) |

**DPTR 8316**    *Clinical Reasoning for Therapeutic Interventions (New)*

DPTR 8320    Imaging (*Moved to this semester*)

#### SESSION 1 AND 2:

DPTR 8150    Critical Inquiry II

### SPRING SEMESTER

#### SESSION 1:

|                  |                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>DPTR 8310</b> | <b><i>Practice Management (New)</i></b>       |
| DPTR 8330        | Musculoskeletal V                             |
| DPTR 8345        | Geriatrics                                    |
| DPTR 8425        | Management of Male and Female Specific Issues |
| DPTR 8380        | Integrated Clinical Experience III            |
| DPTR 8490        | Comprehensive Practical II                    |
| DPTR 8491        | Service Learning Course                       |

#### SESSION 2:

|                  |                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>DPTR 8495</b> | <b><i>Whole Person Healthcare II (New)</i></b>                     |
| DPTR 9180        | Clinical Education Experience II ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> ) |
| DPTR 9150        | Virtual Grand Rounds ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> )             |

#### REMOVED COURSES:

|           |                                                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| DPTR 8323 | Organization and Management of Practice Settings |
| DPTR 8339 | Pain Management                                  |
| DPTR 8410 | Professional Practice II                         |
| DPTR 8430 | Musculoskeletal Seminar                          |
| DPTR 8440 | Neurorehabilitation Seminar                      |
| DPTR 8499 | The Complex Patient                              |

## YEAR 3

### FALL SEMESTER

#### SESSION 1:

DPTR 9280    Clinical Education Experience III

#### SESSION 2:

|           |                                                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DPTR 9280 | Clinical Education Experience IV ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> ) |
| DPTR 9251 | Applied Research Project ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> )         |
| DPTR 9190 | Comprehensive Exam ( <i>Moved to this semester</i> )               |

#### GRADUATION IN DECEMBER VS. JUNE



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## Frequently asked questions

### How does this change the curriculum?

Most courses in the curriculum remain unchanged, though some content has been reorganized into shorter blocks to help students focus on key concepts and reduce session workload. Courses have also been rearranged and moved into different semesters to create a more balanced progression through the program. Additionally, five new courses have been added with two that focus on the University's mission to train healthcare professionals committed to whole-person care.

### Do the number of weeks of clinical experience change?

No, students will still complete three integrated clinical education (ICE) experiences: a 15-week ICE in Year 1 Fall, an 8-week interdisciplinary fall prevention outreach in Year 1 Spring, and a 9-week ICE in Year 2 Spring. In total, students will complete 34 weeks of full-time clinical experiences, including 4 weeks at the end of Year 1 and three 10-week experiences at the end of the program.

### When will I graduate?

Students starting the new curriculum in July 2026 are expected to graduate in December 2028. The official graduation date and ceremony are yet to be determined.

### What does this mean for my acceptance to the program?

Your acceptance to the program is unchanged, and all admissions criteria, including prerequisites, remain the same. Any courses listed in your admissions agreement must be completed before July 1, 2026. If you're unsure, please contact Erlinda Cisneros-Johnson, our program manager.

### How will these changes impact tuition?

Tuition for Year 3 will be reduced by half. Updated tuition and fees will be posted once available. For an estimate, see our [Financial Fact Sheet](#). Or, contact Erlinda Cisneros-Johnson at [physicaltherapy@atsu.edu](mailto:physicaltherapy@atsu.edu) for more information.



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