From increasing mobility to managing pain, physical therapists improve lives by diagnosing, treating and preventing movement-related injuries and chronic conditions—helping more than 750,000 people in the United States each day. Physical therapists enjoy working with people, like spending time on their feet and have a strong desire to contribute toward a healthier society. If you see yourself as a future physical therapist, Wichita State has the unmatched resources you need to achieve your career goals.

Career Opportunities
The demand for physical therapists is high and is projected to continue rising. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states that physical therapist employment will increase 39 percent through 2020 as the baby boomers age, requiring a greater need for physical therapists in hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Physical therapy at Wichita State
WSU’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program is the only program of its kind located in Kansas’ health care hub and is fully accredited through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

This program is located at WSU’s downtown campus, requires 36 consecutive months of full-time study and lasts nine semesters.

To be admitted to the program, students must meet the following requirements:
• Be enrolled in, or admitted to, WSU’s Graduate School
• Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
• Meet the following minimum grade requirements: 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester credit hours, 3.0 GPA in physical therapy math/science prerequisite courses, and a 3.0 GPA in overall physical therapy prerequisite courses. Earn a “C” grade (2.0 credit points) or better in all prerequisite course
• Have completed, or have plans to complete, the prerequisite requirements by the spring semester prior to the first semester of the program (summer)
• Have 20 hours of physical therapy clinical observation in one or more physical therapy departments
• International students must submit a minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based), or 100 (Internet-based) or a minimum of a 7.5 overall band score on the IELTS
• Submit official GRE scores; must have taken the general test within the last five years with no minimum score required

Hands-on Learning
When it comes to getting practical experience, and getting a foot in the door of your dream job, location is everything. Which is why WSU physical therapy students have virtually unlimited opportunities to gain additional real-world experience and make professional connections thanks to WSU’s location in Kansas’ largest city and its status as the health-care capital of the state.
Scholarships and financial aid

In addition to the resources available through the WSU Office of Financial Aid, the College of Health Professions offers fellowships specifically for its students. To find out more, and how you can apply, visit wichita.edu/chpscholarships and wichita.edu/financialaid.

Contact information

For more information about the physical therapy program at Wichita State University, call (316) 978-3304 or email physical.therapy@wichita.edu. You can also visit the department online at wichita.edu/pt.

Prerequisite courses

- Biology I with lab
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (five hours)
- Chemistry with lab (I & II)
- Physics with lab (I & II)
- Trigonometry
- Statistics
- Exercise Physiology
- College English (I & II)
- Public Speaking
- Medical Terminology
- Psychology (one intro; one advanced)

Doctor of Physical Therapy program schedule

Summer Semester I - 10 Hours
- PT 700 Pathophysiology for PTs 3
- PT 708 Intro to Professional Practice 2
- PT 709 Foundations of Therapeutic Exercise 3
- PT 755 Clinical Pharmacology for PTs 2

Fall Semester I - 17 Hours
- PT 725 Anatomy for PTs 6
- PT 731 Clinical Kinesiology 3
- PT 736 Physical Agents 4
- PT 741 Clinical Practicum & Seminar I 2
- PT 751 Foundations of Research 2

Spring Semester I - 18 Hours
- PT 761 Clinical Practicum & Seminar II 2
- PT 770 Musculoskeletal Clinical Medicine 2
- PT 771 Critical Inquiry I 2
- PT 772 Foundations of Clinical Skills 2
- PT 773 Neuroscience I 2
- PT 774 Neuromuscular Interventions I 2
- PT 781 Musculoskeletal Exam. & Intervent. 3
- PHS 824 Cultural Competency in HC 3

Summer Semester II - 8 Hours
- PT 800 Clinical Education I 4
- PT 850 Clinical Education II 4

Fall Semester II - 19 Hours
- PT 821 Professional Practice I 2
- PT 831 Musculoskel. Mgmt. Upper Quarter 3
- PT 848 Lifespan of the Adult 2

Fall Semester II (continued) - 19 Hours
- PT 851 Critical Inquiry II 2
- PT 853 Neuroscience II 2
- PT 854 Neuromuscular Interventions II 2
- PT 858 Prosthetics & Orthotics 2
- PT 859 Integumentary Conditions and Acute Care 2
- PT 891 Musculoskeletal-Spine I 2

Spring Semester II - 17 Hours
- PT 861 Professional Practice II 3
- PT 871 Critical Inquiry III 2
- PT 874 Neuromuscular Interventions III 2
- PT 877 Cardiovascular & Pulmonary 2
- PT 881 Musculoskel. Mgmt. Lower Quarter 3
- PT 892 Musculoskeletal-Spine II 1
- PT 898 Lifespan of the Infant & Child 2
- PT 899 Principles of Education for PT 2

Summer Semester III - 10 Hours
- PT 900 Clinical Education III 10

Fall Semester III - 10 Hours
- PT 950 Clinical Education IV 10

Spring Semester III - 12 Hours
- PT 970 Clinical Education V 10
- PT 975 Diagnostic Imaging for PTs 1
- PT 990 Clinical Conference 1
- Electives 3

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 124