

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)



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Division of Physical Therapy



Shenandoah University's entry-level physical therapy graduate program prepares you professionally for diverse clinical positions in hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers, school systems, home health agencies, private practices, universities and skilled nursing facilities. Our graduates and faculty are recognized in the health care community as highly knowledgeable professionals who excel in the workplace. The Division of Physical Therapy also offers a post-graduate transitional DPT program to prepare practicing physical therapists to become advanced practitioners in the ever-changing healthcare arena.

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Our 100-credit doctoral program will prepare you to obtain state licensure and enter the physical therapy profession as a compassionate, ethical and evidence-based practitioner of choice for the management of neuromusculoskeletal impairments.

Clinical Education at Renowned Facilities

You'll begin clinical practice in the first year, and clinical practice opportunities continue to graduation. With over 500 facilities, we place highly prepared students in local, regional, and national settings. Students receive supervised clinical instruction throughout the program by participating in three one-day/week clinical experiences and three full-time clinical experiences. Clinical sites include:

- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
- Valley Health, Winchester, VA
- Shepherd Rehabilitation Center, Atlanta, GA
- INOVA Center for Personalized Health, Fairfax, VA
- FX Physical Therapy, Baltimore, MD
- Cook Children's Health Care System, Fort Worth, TX

Dual Degree and Graduate Certificate Combinations

Shenandoah's **Dual Degree Doctor of Physical Therapy/Master of Science Athletic Training program** is designed for students interested in a career as a sports medicine clinical expert on the field and in sports rehabilitation. This rigorous curricula prepares you to meet the standards to take the physical therapy licensure examination and the athletic training Board of Certification examination.

DPT students can also specialize their skill sets by taking advantage of our graduate certificates in: **Performing Arts Medicine** — educating health care professionals on the prevention, assessment, and management of injuries and disorders specific to dancers, theatre artists, and musicians along with promoting clinical research to determine best practices; and **Performing Arts Health and Fitness** — preparing you to be a leader in performing arts health and fitness.

Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

This online program is for practicing physical therapists who want to learn from and interact with nationally recognized faculty and exceptional peers. Our students build on their clinical skills and knowledge through application of evidence-based clinical decisions and critical thinking skills to prepare for current and emerging PT practice and roles in academia. Three tracks are offered to accommodate licensed physical therapists who completed either a master's degree or bachelor's degree in physical therapy.

Key features of the Transitional DPT program:

- Small class sizes
- Work at your own pace
- Collaborative learning alongside experienced peers and expert faculty
- One- and two-year degree completion curriculum tracks
- Tuition scholarships available



Shenandoah Health Professions Building, campus of Winchester Medical Center



Key Features of the Entry-Level DPT Program:

- **100%** of our graduates pass the licensure exam
- **Small** class sizes and 5:1 student to faculty ratio
- **Accomplished** and **accessible** faculty
- Opportunities to practice your skills in **international locations**
- **Student-centered** curriculum
- Opportunities for service learning at **community-based organizations**
- Close proximity to **major health system professionals and facilities**
- **State-of-the-art equipment**, and Apple technology – MacBook Pro laptop and an iPad with an Apple Pencil are provided to students
- Campus locations in Winchester and Loudoun County, Virginia, each feature **video teleconferencing and live labs**

Shenandoah PT students are passionate about community service.

Service Beyond U.S. Borders

As a physical therapy student, you can travel abroad and practice your skills through medical mission trips and/or international experiences. Recent destinations have included Nicaragua, Haiti, Kenya and Guatemala.

Adaptive Aquatics

Students run an adaptive aquatics program for children with special needs at a heated pool in Winchester. The program allows children to gain motor skills while having fun.

Adaptive Skiing and Sports

You can select a clinical rotation that allows you to teach individuals with disabilities how to ski and swim. This adaptive skiing program provides you with the opportunity to apply your clinical knowledge in a unique way.

Service in the Greater Winchester and Loudoun County Region

Students and professors participate in a variety of service projects: They provide physical therapy services at a health clinic for the uninsured, disability awareness programs for elementary school children, and volunteer at a therapeutic fitness and wellness center for those with disabilities.

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