

Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (T-DPT)

A Part-time Post-Professional Degree Program (16-20 credit hours)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Shenandoah University's transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy distinguishes itself by providing opportunities to prepare practicing physical therapists to become doctoral-level clinicians through the development of critical thinking and evidence-based practice skills in a collaborative, personalized environment.

The Transitional DPT program is designed to meet the busy lifestyle of a practicing clinician by offering courses in a distance-based format, with the ability to work at your own pace to complete weekly course activities and assignments. The program is open to any currently U.S. or Canadian currently licensed physical therapist, with at least 1 year of current practice experience.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee.
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission.
 - For foreign-trained licensed and practicing physical therapists, a course-by-course academic credential evaluation by an approved [NACES member](#), [AICE member](#), or FCCPT is required.
 - If admitted, students will need to provide official transcripts from each institution for which they previously supplied unofficial transcripts.
- A copy of your most current US or Canadian Physical Therapy license.
- Employer Verification Letter
 - All students must submit verification of at least 1 year of current employment as a physical therapist
- Language Proficiency requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The T-DPT is a post-graduate program offered to both Masters- and Bachelors-prepared physical therapists, with credit awarded for prior related coursework. Students who have earned a Master's level degree in physical therapy or other health-related program of study, are required to complete a total of 16 credits from Shenandoah University. These credit hours may be completed over an accelerated 3 terms (Track I) or over 6 consecutive terms (Track II). Students who have earned a Bachelor's Degree in physical therapy are required to complete a total of 20 credits at Shenandoah University through the Track III curriculum, offered over 7 consecutive terms.

A minimum grade of 80% must be earned in all courses to successfully complete the program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for Shenandoah University physical therapy alumni, Shenandoah University physical therapy clinical instructors, and employees of Valley Health Systems, Inova Health Systems, and West Virginia University Hospital-East.

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Fall Admission (Track I & II)

(Track I & II are Master's-level PT degree holders)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1

GRE: Not Required

Summer Admission (Track III)

(Track III is for Bachelor's-level PT degree holders)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1

GRE: Not Required

Applying to Shenandoah University

Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/ptapp.

International Applicants

Applicants licensed in the following states must meet English language proficiency standards: CO, CT, DE, FL, IN, MO, NY, PA, WI and Puerto Rico

Applicants can upload an unofficial copy of their academic credential evaluation to serve as his or her unofficial transcript from that institution. An official evaluation must be sent with the official transcript after the student is admitted.

Transfer Credit

A minimum grade of "B-" required for any transfer credit. A maximum of 14 credits can be transferred in for Tracks I and II. A maximum of 10 credits can be transferred in for Track III.

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More Information

Please visit <https://www.su.edu/physical-therapy/degree-programs/transitional-doctor-of-physical-therapy-2/>

Track I (One Year Plan)

Courses	Credits
Fall Term	
PT 835 Incorporating Evidence in Daily Practice	2
PT 836 Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2
PT 825 Billing and Reimbursement	1
PT 834 Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1
Subtotal	6
Spring Term	
PT 842 Differential Examination and Diagnosis in PT Practice	2
PT 846 Emerging Clinical Practice I	1
PT 899 Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2
Subtotal	5
Summer Term	
PT 849 The Doctoring Profession	2
PT 848 Emerging Clinical Practice II	2
TDPT Elective Course Requirement	1
Subtotal	5
Total	16

Track II (Two Year Plan)

Courses	Credits
Fall Term – Year 1	
PT 835 Incorporating Evidence into your Daily Practice	2
PT 834 Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1
Subtotal	3
Spring Term – Year 1	
PT 842 Differential Examination and Diagnosis in PT Practice	2
PT 899 Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2
Subtotal	4
Summer Term – Year 1	
TDPT Elective Course Requirement	1
Subtotal	1
Fall Term – Year II	
PT 836 Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2
PT 825 Billing and Reimbursement	1
Subtotal	3
Spring Term – Year 2	
PT 836 Emerging Clinical Practice I	1
Subtotal	1
Summer – Year 2	
PT 848 Emerging Clinical Practice II	2
PT 849 The Doctoring Profession	2
Subtotal	4
Total	16

Track III (Seven Consecutive Terms)

Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses
Summer Term – Year 1		Fall Term – Year 2		
PT 860 Advanced Human Anatomy	2	PT 836 Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2	
Subtotal	2	PT 825 Billing and Reimbursement	1	
Fall Term – Year 1		Subtotal	3	
PT 835 Incorporating Evidence in Daily Practice	2	Spring Term – Year 2		
PT 834 Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1	PT 846 Emerging Clinical Practice I	1	
Subtotal	3	Subtotal	1	
Spring Term – Year 1		Summer Term – Year 3		
PT 842 Differential Exam and Diagnosis in PT Practice	2	PT 848 Emerging Clinical Practice II	1	
PT 899 Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2	PT 849 The Doctoring Profession	2	
Subtotal	4	Subtotal	3	
Summer Term – Year 2		Total	20	
3 TDPT Elective Course Requirement	3			
Subtotal	3			