

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Welcome to the Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program at Walsh University. Our fully accredited physical therapy graduate program is committed to providing an educational program that both challenges and enhances a student's ability to learn. The DPT program prepares our students to understand and meet the challenges of today's various treatment approaches in diagnosis, prevention and management of physical impairments and functional limitations.

Entrance into the DPT program:

In order to apply, students are required to meet the following criteria:

- Complete application on PTCAS and paid fee
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited, 4-year institution of higher learning
- Transcripts from all former institutions attended
- Minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.00
- Minimum prerequisite course GPA of 3.00
- GRE scores (writing, quantitative, verbal)
- TOEFL score (international students only)
- Three letters of recommendation (one academic, one professional and one professional, academic or athletic coach)
- 30 hours of professional observation in 2 different settings, one inpatient and one outpatient (minimum of 10 hours at each setting)
- On-site interview, by invitation

Prerequisites

We consider persons for admission with bachelor's degrees from accredited colleges meeting the prerequisites established by the Physical Therapy program, with promising scholastic standing, and with personal and professional potential.

Course Name	Semester(s) Required	Credit Hours Required
Biology	2 semesters, plus lab	8
Chemistry	2 semesters, plus lab	8
Physics	2 semesters, plus lab	8
Anatomy & Physiology	2 semesters	8
Psychology	2 semesters	6
Exercise Physiology	1 semester	3-4
Statistics	1 semester	3



Health Requirements

Physical and Mental Requirements for Program Admission:

Students matriculating in the Physical Therapy program at Walsh University must have:

- Adequate gross and fine motor ability for safe performance of patient examination and intervention procedures.
- Adequate visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic senses for obtaining accurate examination and investigative findings.
- Ability to think critically and solve problems.
- Ability to effectively communicate (oral, nonverbal and written).
- Ability to organize and effectively manage tasks.
- Adaptability to perform tasks with persons from diverse backgrounds in a variety of settings.

EXCELLENCE, COMPASSION, DEDICATION

Frequently Asked Questions

What is unique about the clinical experiences at Walsh?

Our students complete four clinical rotations in a variety of practice settings that encompass patients with diverse needs. The emphasis of our clinical education curriculum is placed upon the body systems encountered by students in the academic course work in contrast to the type of setting in which students are placed.

I am interested in creating and participating in original research. Is there an opportunity in Walsh's DPT program to participate in research?

Students and faculty work together in the creation of original research within the requirements of the DPT curriculum. Our students have been incredibly successful in publishing and presenting their research both locally and nationally.

How many of your graduates are employed as PTs within 6 months of passing the licensure examination?

It is 100%.

What should I expect when I get there?

Classes at Walsh are rewarding. In the first few semesters of PT school, you will be surprised by the amount that you learn in such a short period of time. You should expect to work hard and have a great experience in a professional atmosphere with other students who will become your best friends throughout the eight semesters at Walsh.

"I appreciate the small class size and the fact that the faculty works hard to help each student succeed, treating them as an individual, with personal investments in their educational outcomes."

—Amanda Cecil



The Walsh Advantage

Experienced faculty and small classes assure **individual attention** and encourage active participation.

Hands-on clinical experience opportunities throughout Ohio and the entire U.S.

State-of-the-art facilities

Contact Information

Would you like more information about the Walsh DPT program?

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