



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)



Promoting Progress and Possibility

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Physical therapists are evidence-based movement experts who use critical thinking and clinical reasoning to treat their patients and clients across the lifespan.

Our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program equips students with the technical skills and knowledge needed to work in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools and sports facilities. This training enables them to examine, diagnose, treat and prevent movement dysfunction and impairments associated with chronic conditions, in addition to providing pain management.

Not only are physical therapists in high demand, but they also achieve a high level of job satisfaction. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) trains students to work one-on-one with individuals to improve their quality of life by providing wellness-oriented care and promoting healthy lifestyles in a flexible, versatile and rewarding field.

**DPT STUDENTS
PRACTICE
COLLABORATION
ACROSS PROFESSIONS
AND PROGRAMS
DURING THEIR
EDUCATION TO
IMPROVE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF
HEALTH CARE FOR
PATIENTS.**



THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, EMPHASIZING A WHOLE PERSON APPROACH TO PATIENT MANAGEMENT.

PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO A CLINICAL LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT LABORATORY, PRACTICE SKILLS USING STANDARDIZED PATIENTS AND STUDY CLINICAL AND APPLIED ANATOMY THROUGH CADAVER DISSECTION.

OUR DPT PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION (CAPTE).

OUR CURRICULUM COMBINES AN INTEGRATED, TEAM-ORIENTED APPROACH TO PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION.

Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our mission. PCOM actively nurtures an environment of curiosity and respect, promoting the discovery and celebration of our differences.

PROGRAM BASICS

Students are actively engaged in Interprofessional Education (IPE) on and off campus, reflecting the collaborative approach needed to advise and consult with other healthcare professionals.

The DPT program's curriculum includes both coursework and experiential training in a variety of settings. As part of 134 credit hours of coursework, students gain essential, real-world understanding through 34 weeks of full-time clinical education. In their third year of study, students engage with specific areas of interest through electives.

YEAR 1

Four terms of dynamic classroom and lab work

YEAR 2

Eight week summer clinical education

YEAR 3

Electives

One term of dynamic classroom and lab work

Final Clinical Experiences (two 13-week rotations).

LOCATION

The DPT program is offered at our Georgia campus located in Suwanee, Georgia, just outside of Atlanta.



To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.

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