



# 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.**



Community connection and engagement is an important aspect of student life. We have over 50 student clubs and organizations that students can join to enrich their educational experience.



# 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.

## 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 122 credit hours of coursework, students gain essential, real-world understanding through 30 weeks of full-time clinical education.

### YEAR 1

2 trimesters of dynamic classroom and lab work with a focus on foundational courses

### YEAR 2

3 trimesters of dynamic classroom and lab work

### YEAR 3

1 trimester of dynamic classroom and lab work  
Three clinical experiences (7, 8, and 15-week rotations)

## LOCATION

Located in Suwanee, Georgia, just outside of Atlanta, our campus features active-learning classrooms, large and small lecture halls, conference areas and study spaces. This space also houses research and multiuse basic science laboratories, an anatomy laboratory, a simulation center, two pharmacy practice labs, a compounding laboratory and a large osteopathic manipulative medicine practice suite.

**YOUR JOURNEY  
STARTS HERE!**



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