

**Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT)  
Transitional Track  
Physical Therapy Program  
School of Health Sciences  
Oakland University  
(to be offered beginning fall 2009 pending  
final approval through Oakland University)**

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**Special points of interest:**

A certificate may be earned with the tDPT degree:

- Orthopedics
- Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy
- Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Neurological Rehabilitation
- Teaching and Learning for Rehabilitation Professionals

**DEGREE**

*Doctor of Physical Therapy  
Transitional Track*

**ACADEMIC UNIT**

School of Health Sciences

**ACCREDITATION**

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

**DESCRIPTION**

This is a set of courses that allows physical therapists who have obtained a Bachelors Degree in Physical Therapy (BSPT), Masters in Physical Therapy (MPT) or Masters of Science in Physical Therapy (MSPT) to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. This set of courses transitions an entry-level BSPT, MPT or MSPT physical therapist to a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, which is a clinical doctorate.

Students can elect to complete specific subsets of courses leading to a graduate certificate in orthopedic manual physical therapy, graduate certificate in pediatric rehabilitation, graduate certificate in orthopedic physical therapy, graduate certificate in neurological rehabilitation, or a graduate certificate in teaching and learning.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should hold an entry-level bachelor's degree or master's degree in physical therapy and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above. Two years of clinical experience for applicants who hold a master's degree and five years of clinical experience for those who hold a bachelor's degree is required. Applicants must have a current Michigan physical therapy license.

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.00 with the appropriate academic background and strong letters of recommendation may be considered for conditional admission.

Students who qualify for this status must complete a minimum of 8 credits of graduate coursework achieving a grade point of 3.00 or above in each course before conditional status is removed.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The application materials and steps to be completed are:

1. Application for Admission to Graduate Study and non-refundable application fee.
2. A resume which documents clinical experience and a personal statement describing career experiences and goals.
3. Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate level academic work.
4. The two Recommendation for Graduate Admission forms from an employer, health care professional or faculty member.
5. Official scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from applicants who are graduates of programs taught in a language other than English.
6. International students must meet the application requirements for International Students described by Graduate Admissions.
7. Proof of physical therapy licensure in the State of Michigan.

**ADMISSION TERMS AND DEADLINES**

Students may be admitted in the fall, winter or summer semester. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the class is full. Applications will be accepted until August 1 for the following fall semester, until December 1 for the following winter semester, and until April 1 for the following summer semester.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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1. Completion of a minimum of 26—30 credits with a GPA of 3.00 or better. Students admitted with a bachelor's degree would be required to earn 30 credits and students entering with a master's degree would be required to earn 26 credits. Credit toward the degree will not be given for courses with grades under 2.5.
2. Completion of the core courses: PT 502, 503, 631, 677, and PT 795 and for students with a bachelor's degree PT 536 or PT 611.
3. Completion of fifteen or more credits of electives as approved by the student's faculty adviser. Elective options include: PT 500, 507, 509, 510, 511, 520, 523, 525, 536, 537, 538, 539, 598, 601, 602, 603, 605, 611, 695, PT 810, PT 900, PT 901 and other adviser-approved courses.

### tDPT CORE CLASSES

### CREDITS

PT 502	Evidenced Based Practice
PT 503	Diagnostic Imaging
PT 631	Clinical Pharmacology
PT 677	Advanced Differential Diagnosis
PT 795	Clinical Case Study

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**11 Students entering with a master's degree**

PT 536	Motor Control/Motor Learning <b>OR</b>
PT 611	Applied Movement Sciences

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**14 to 15 Students entering with a bachelor's degree**

### TIME LIMITS

If more than six years have passed since the student has been admitted to the tDPT program, and all requirements have not been completed, the student must petition the program coordinator and Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning for an extension. Students who are deemed inactive may be dropped from the program, although they may petition for reinstatement.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Upon acceptance into the program, students are assigned a faculty adviser who will assist the student in developing a plan of study.

### GRADUATE STUDY

Information on Graduate Study can be found on the Graduate Studies webpage at <http://www2.oakland.edu/gradstudy/pages/>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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### tDPT Pending Final OU Approval:

Admissions requirements, application requirements and degree requirements are subject to change pending final Oakland University approval. For further information please contact the Physical Therapy Program.