



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Andrews  University

ENTRY-LEVEL PHYSICAL THERAPIST PROGRAMS

Welcome to the Department of Physical Therapy at Andrews University. Our faculty, staff, and students are pleased that you are interested in our entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. As Physical Therapy (PT) is increasingly recognized as an essential and indispensable field of medicine, and as progressively more patients seek its benefits and healing, a clinical degree or doctorate puts you on the front lines of a revolution in patient care. At Andrews we connect you with the comprehensive instruction, personal attention and interaction, spiritual emphasis, and supportive academic community that will help you succeed in your PT career.

CHOOSE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Because Andrews University meets the criteria of a quality program—a reputation of solid academics and a distinguished faculty—as well as offering a strong academic support system of peers and professors, several degree options, and an emphasis on Christian values in healthcare. Our reputable academics have earned us rankings among the top 200 national colleges and universities (*U.S. World News & Report*) and the nation's 190 best science and math programs (*Peterson's Top Colleges for Science Guide*). Catering to PT students and professionals, our program options allow you to earn the degree that best suits your interests, location, and plans for career advancement. At Andrews, we emphasize considerate, attentive treatment of all people, as our curriculum centers on the integration of science and the love of God into this highly sought, service-oriented profession.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Our campus offers unique cultural perspectives from students and teachers alike. With over one quarter of our students from overseas, you connect with a campus that ranks among the nation's top ten universities for ethnic diversity and international student population (*U.S. News & World Report, 2002*).

ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING

Persons considering the physical therapist program at Andrews University should contact the PT Admissions Office as soon as possible. Admissions advising and counseling is available through the PT Admissions Director. An assigned faculty member provides academic advising once the student is enrolled in the program.

SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, GRANTS

There are limited funds available to PT students. Connect with Student Financial Services for current information on named scholarships, transfer student scholarships and graduate student funds.



WHY A CLINICAL DEGREE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

According to the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the projected future of the profession is that “by 2020, physical therapy will be provided by physical therapists who are doctors of physical therapy, recognized by consumers and other healthcare professionals as practitioners of choice to whom consumers have direct access for the diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities related to movement, function, and health.” Earning a clinical degree or doctorate puts you on the cutting edge of this trend toward more autonomy in patient care. A clinical doctorate in PT is consistent with professions such as medicine, pharmacy, osteopathy, dentistry, podiatry, and veterinary medicine. Our PT programs offer:

➤ COOPERATIVE LEARNING

At Andrews, your learning is noncompetitive. Our students support rather than compete with one another, which reflects our Christian philosophy and is more representative of clinical expectations after graduation. Students and faculty work together to promote an environment that is more like a family than a student body—small, caring and dependable.

➤ A FACULTY OF SPECIALIZED, PRACTICING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Our faculty is made up of qualified, dedicated instructors who are also practicing physical therapists. Many of our faculty members are highly specialized in diverse areas, such as orthopedics, pediatrics, neurology, general medicine, geriatrics, cardiopulmonary medicine, and the basic sciences. Teaching is also supplemented with many therapists and physicians currently in full-time practice, who serve as adjunct faculty.

➤ CADAVER LAB

The Department of Physical Therapy operates a cadaver lab where students have the opportunity to participate in anatomical and physiological instruction and analysis.

➤ SMALL CLASS SIZE

In addition to a quality educational experience, graduate classes are intentionally kept small enough to provide a personal learning experience. This promotes involved, direct discussion between students and faculty.

➤ A CHRISTIAN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Because of our varied backgrounds, low student-to-professor ratio and emphasis on Christian principles, Andrews University offers a warm, helpful and supportive atmosphere for your intellectual growth.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

The DPT program is open to students who have completed at least 92 semester-credits of prerequisite course work, meet GPA requirements, and have completed 80+ hours of clinical observation (20 hours of which need to be on inpatient setting). The program begins in August each year, and is typically a nine-semester program with 40 weeks of clinical rotations. Students experience a wide-ranging clinical experience, with enhanced learning and in the areas of differential diagnosis, radiology, pharmacology, clinical screening, management, and professional leadership.

ADMISSION OPTIONS—Priority Processing Deadline: December 1

There are three tracks for admission into the Andrews University DPT program:

1) Early Acceptance

Acceptance into the program is guaranteed if you enroll as a freshman Pre-PT major, completing at least 90% of prerequisite course requirements at Andrews, earning a 3.3 minimum GPA, and receiving a positive evaluation.

2) Preferred Admissions (early transfer students)

Students who transfer into Andrews University for at least their last semester of prerequisite courses and maintain at least a 3.3 GPA will be given preference for admission to the professional program.

3) Transfer Students

The Andrews University physical therapy program enrolls students from a nationwide pool. Any student who has completed prerequisite courses from an accredited college or university (or U.S. equivalent) is welcome to apply for acceptance.

Although a degree is not required for acceptance into the DPT program, applicants holding a baccalaureate (bachelor) or advanced degree are welcome to apply for admission.



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