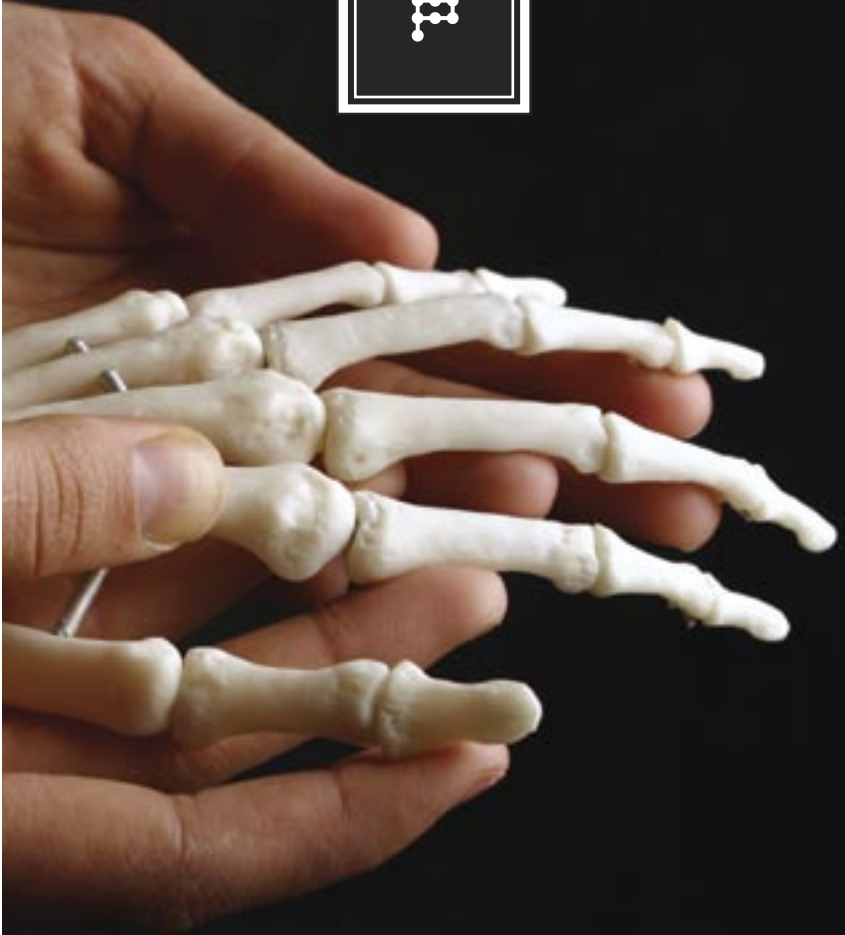


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Want a career that reports one of the highest job-satisfaction levels in the country? Does working with people of all ages and all kinds of physical conditions intrigue you? How about achieving professional stature, enjoying great financial compensation, and having diversity in your work? If your answers are “yes!” a career as a Physical Therapist (PT) may be for you.

As one of the fastest-growing medical professions today, PT is a great career choice. In fact, the demand for physical therapists has ranked it among the top ten most desired careers in the U.S. Not only will you be in demand, but you’ll also be able to feel great about what you do because physical therapists help people. As a physical therapist you’ll help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent injury to clients suffering from injury or disease. Every day will be different. You’ll interact with a wide range of clientele with all sorts of ailments, providing you with a daily assortment of tasks and challenges.

So go ahead, learn more about it—we challenge you! Connect with

Andrews University PT and make your career ambitions a reality as over 800 students have before you. The DPT program consists of three years of undergraduate preparatory courses—at Andrews or an institution of your choice—followed by three years of professional PT study. Our programs are fully accredited and committed to get you where you want to be. Study with us and you’ll become part of a caring, family-like atmosphere where your peers and professors offer positive support. We promote a non-competitive study environment and a Christian approach to healthcare. Still interested? Read on and get connected with quality education, great people and the career you want and deserve.



**CHOOSE ANDREWS**

**Our Mission** Our mission is to provide quality physical therapist education in a cooperative learning environment that promotes Christian values.

**Choose Andrews** At first glance, Andrews University may look like many other schools—an outstanding academic reputation, a distinguished faculty and a beautiful campus. But, as you look closer, you will see a striking difference. Connect with Andrews and you will find a place where...

**Cooperative Learning** Learning is cooperative, not competitive, meaning that our students are not in competition with each other for grades or ranking. Instead, they are encouraged to be supportive and help each other. We believe this not only reflects our Christian philosophy, but also is more representative of clinical expectations after graduation.

**Support** You have a support system made up of peers, faculty and staff who care about each other. Here you'll connect with people who want you to succeed. It's good to know that while you are investing considerable time, energy and money into your professional education you'll have a support system backing you up.

**Christian Approach to Health Care** There's a Christian approach to healthcare education, with our goal being to integrate science and the love of God into a highly sought, service-oriented profession. Everything we do is integrated with our vision of "uniting Christianity with healthcare." Students are encouraged to practice integrity and concern for one another, and the delivery of considerate, attentive treatment of all people is promoted.

**Family Environment** We connect with each other inside and outside the classroom. This means that even after class we hang out and have fun together. Our students come together for social events, study groups, worship activities and other gatherings all the time. We are more like a family than a student body—small, caring and dependable.



**CHOOSE ANDREWS**

**Qualified and Dedicated Faculty** The faculty are a cut above because, after all, they are a university's richest resource. Ours is a qualified, dedicated faculty, committed to providing superior instruction and advising that will keep you on track. Our faculty members are also practicing physical therapists, most of whom hold clinical certifications and/or advanced doctoral degrees. We represent solid academics, as Andrews has ranked among the "top 200 national colleges and universities" (*U.S. News & World Report*), and also ranks among the nation's 190 best science and math programs (Peterson's Top Colleges for Science Guide). Best of all, our reputation for solid academics has been established without compromising our commitment to providing a Christ-centered environment.

"THE PROGRAM IS A CHALLENGING AND INSPIRING 3 YEAR EXPERIENCE." – ELLIE FELLOWS, CLASS OF '04



**What does a physical therapist do?**

The physical therapist evaluates, treats and prevents physical injury and/or disease by assisting clients in relieving pain, improving mobility, and preventing or limiting permanent disability. PT's work with people of all ages—from infancy to old age—with functional conditions resulting from back or neck injuries, sprains/strains and fractures, arthritis, burns, amputations, strokes, multiple sclerosis, birth defects, injuries related to work and sports, and others. Some PT's become highly specialized in areas such as sports medicine, pediatric, orthopedic, or neurology rehabilitation and work exclusively with such clients.

**How long until I'm a physical therapist?**

PT education takes from six to seven years, depending on the program you choose. The Andrews DPT program requires three years of prerequisite study, which may be completed at Andrews or another institution of your choice, plus 3 years of professional study on Andrews University's main campus. After graduating with a doctoral (DPT) degree, you are qualified to take a licensure exam and practice in the state of your choice.

**Where do physical therapists work?**

Although many physical therapists work in hospitals, nearly 80 percent practice in:

- Outpatient clinics or offices
- Sports centers and/or teams
- Inpatient rehabilitation centers
- Schools
- Skilled nursing or extended care facilities
- Homes (home care)
- Industries or corporations
- Education or research centers
- Specialized clinics (orthopedics, pediatrics, etc.)
- Fitness centers

**What do physical therapists earn?**

What you earn will depend on your specialty, position, years of experience, geographical area and practice setting. Currently, PT's make between \$40,000 and \$90,000 annually, and the current national median salary for PT's is \$65,000/year.

**What about job availability?**

Despite many changes in managed care and the healthcare industry, the outlook for physical therapists is excellent. In fact, physical therapy is listed as one of the top ten careers in America. The U.S. government projects that employment of physical therapists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014.

**What should I do now?**

- To prepare for PT education, you should:
- Develop good study habits.
  - Observe a physical therapist at work – visualize yourself doing the tasks you see and determine whether PT is really what you want to do.
  - Take college prep math and science courses in high school.

**"ANDREWS HAS GENERALLY HAD STUDENTS VERY WELL PREPARED FOR THE ORTHOPEDIC SETTING. THEY HAVE A STRONG SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION AND SOLID TREATMENT BASE."** —APPLE PHYSICAL THERAPY



## PROGRAMS

**Accreditation** The Andrews University DPT program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

**Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** The DPT program consists of 3 years of pre-professional (prerequisite) study, followed by 3 years of professional study in the PT program often referred to as a "3+3." The first 3 years are spent completing general education and prerequisite courses, which may be completed at Andrews University or another accredited institution. The advantages of doing your prerequisites at Andrews include our noncompetitive study environment and priority admission to PT school if all requirements are met. The general education courses give you basic knowledge in all academic disciplines, such as English, math and history. Prerequisite courses are your beginning foundation courses to prepare you for the Professional PT Program. Upon acceptance, the student begins the final 3 years of professional study. A Bachelor of Health Science degree is earned after two semesters in the DPT program (if the student enrolls without a college degree). Students who have already completed a bachelor's degree with specific prerequisite requirements are also eligible to apply for admittance.

During the professional years, students complete PT courses, plus 40 weeks of clinical rotations. When all requirements are met, the student graduates with a DPT degree and is prepared for autonomous practice. The program begins in the fall semester of each year.

## EARLY ACCEPTANCE

GOOD NEWS! Early acceptance into PT school is guaranteed! Enroll as a freshman at Andrews, satisfactorily complete all your prerequisites here, and earn a minimum "Early Acceptance" GPA That's it! Really! NO stress, NO waiting, NO competition, NO worries!



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—NOLAN MCINTOSH, CLASS OF 2007

**Other Programs** Andrews University offers two postprofessional degree programs, the Transitional-Doctor of Physical Therapy and the Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy, through the Berrien Springs campus. Both programs are for licensed physical therapists only. For specific information on these programs, contact the Physical Therapy Department.

**Transitional-Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT)** The t-DPT program is for practicing bachelor's or master's-level physical therapists wishing to transition to a DPT degree. Students may continue working as physical therapists while earning the degree as it is earned primarily through independent study along with some intensive sessions on the Berrien Springs campus. The t-DPT student will enhance his or her skills in medical screening, differential diagnosis, education and research. This degree transitions the clinician to the academic standard of the entry-level DPT graduate.

**Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT)** The Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT) program is designed to enhance the skills of practicing physical therapists in the areas of orthopedic manual therapy. Andrews University is partnered with the North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy (NAIOMT) to provide the clinician with the skills needed to become a certified manual or manipulative therapist. This degree will further enhance key areas such as medical screening, differential diagnosis, education, research and clinical leadership.



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