PHYSICAL THERAPY PROFESSIONAL MAJOR (DPT)

Available only at OSU-Cascades.

This program will be admitting students from Fall 2021. Please contact Christine Pollard for more information.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program at OSU-Cascades will produce graduates who are skilled physical therapists to meet workforce demands and produce citizens who are ethically responsible and committed to social justice. The vision for the Physical Therapy profession is to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.

Physical therapists (PTs) are healthcare professionals who treat individuals of all ages, from newborns to the very oldest who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their abilities to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. In addition, PTs work with individuals and groups to prevent the loss of ability before it occurs by developing fitness-and-wellness-oriented programs and other population -health interventions for healthier and more active lifestyles. PTs provide care for people in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, work settings, and nursing homes.

State licensure is required in each state in which a physical therapist practices. To practice as a physical therapist in the United States (US), a student must earn a DPT degree from an accredited physical therapist education program and pass a state licensure exam. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) governs DPT accreditation in the US.

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