



University of
Pittsburgh

Department of
Physical Therapy
School of Health and
Rehabilitation Sciences

Fall Term 1 (17 credits)	Spring Term 2 (20 credits)	Summer Term 3 (19 credits)
Courses	Courses	Courses
Human Anatomy and Lab (6) Kinesiology (4)	Neuroscience (4) Musculoskeletal I (6)	Survey of Human Disease 2 (2) Musculoskeletal PT 2 (5)
Cardiopulmonary PT 1 (4) Patient Management 1 (3)	Cardiopulmonary PT 2 (2) Survey of Human Disease 1 (2)	Neuromuscular PT 1 (4) Patient Management 2 (3)
	Prof Dev & Leadership 1 (2)	Prof Dev & Leadership 2 (3)
	Clinical Education I (4)	Evidence Based Practice 1 (2) Clinical Education 2

Fall Term 4 (20 credits)	Spring Term 5 (12+ credits)	Summer Term 6 (9 credits)
Courses	Courses	Courses
Geriatric PT (2) Patient Management 3 (2) Neuromuscular PT 2 (4) Growth & Development (3) Health & Wellness (1)	Neuromuscular PT 3 (2) Medically Complex Pt. (1) Musculoskeletal PT 3 (4) Electives	Evidence Based Practice 4 (1) Terminal Clinical Education 3 (8)
Prof Dev & Leadership 3 (2)	Pharmacology (3)	
Evidence Based Practice 2 (2)	Evidence Based Practice 3 (2)	
Clinical Education 2 cont'd (4)		

Fall Term 7 (9 credits)
Courses
Evidence Based Practice V (1)
Terminal Clinical Education IV (8)

Basic Science
Clinical Science
Critical Inquiry
Leadership & Prof. Development
Clinical Education

DPT Curriculum for Residential and Hybrid Formats

The first term begins in late August and students graduate 2.3 years later in December. The first 5 terms are comprised of both didactic instruction as well as full-time clinical experiences. The curriculum concludes with two 15-week terminal clinical educational experiences (Summer-Fall)

We want to make sure our graduates are well prepared to enter the workforce, so we complement our didactic education program with a clinical program that includes 42 weeks of full-time clinical education experience. The curriculum is designed to emphasize early and intensive integration of our students into the clinical environment throughout their educational program. Our students begin clinical education during the second term in the program and end with 30 consecutive weeks of clinical education after the didactic plan of study.