

# Physical Therapy

## Description

Physical therapists care for people who have been disabled through injury, illness, developmental defects, and aging. The level of responsibilities depends on experience, specialization, and advanced education. They evaluate muscular and related functions and use various therapeutic treatments. PTs may work on referral of a physician or independently. (Click [here](#) to view a Clark alum physical therapist.)

[American Physical Therapy Association \(APTA\)](#)

[American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts \(APTAMA\)](#)

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[Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Ransdell Family Health Professions Readiness and Enrichment Program \(HPREP\)](#)

[Day in the Life of a Physical Therapist](#)

[Des Moines University Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program \(HealthPASS\)](#)

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[PT School Interview Tips](#)  
[Wayne State U. Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Information Meetings on Physical Therapy Program \(first Tuesday of each month\)](#)

## **Degree**

M.P.T. (Master's degree program recommended for students who have completed a BA/BS degree.)  
D.P.T. (Doctor of Physical Therapy)

## **Program Length**

2-3 years

## **Professional Schools' Organization**

[APTA](#) (American Physical Therapy Association)  
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## **Application Service**

[PTCAS](#) (Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service)  
[PTCAS Programs](#)  
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## **Academic Admission Requirements**

One semester each of General Psychology, Advanced Psychology, Math, English, Statistics. Two semesters each: Chemistry, Physics; three semesters minimum of Biology including one semester each of Human Anatomy and Human Physiology.  
[PTCAS Course Prerequisite Summary](#)

## **Admission Exam**

[GRE](#)

## **Personal Attributes & Experiences**

Most PT programs require significant and extended experience in physical therapy or other health-related experiences.  
[PT Observation Requirements by Program](#)

# **Recommendation Letters**

No standard form.

[PTCAS Reference Requirements by Program](#)

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