



Post Professional Doctorate of Physical Therapy (PP-DPT)

An online, part-time, post professional doctoral program (16-20 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah University's Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PP-DPT) program distinguishes itself by providing opportunities to prepare practicing physical therapists to become doctoral-level clinicians through the development of critical thinking and evidence-based practice skills.

The PP-DPT program is designed to meet the busy lifestyle of a practicing clinician by offering courses in an online format, with the ability to work at your own pace to complete weekly course activities and assignments. Students work with faculty and experienced peers in a collaborative, personalized learning environment. The program is open to licensed physical therapists with at least 1 year of current practice experience.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Track I & II: Master's degree in Physical Therapy or health-related program OR
- Track III: Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
 - For foreign-trained licensed and practicing physical therapists, a course-by-course academic credential evaluation by an approved NACES member, AICE member, or FCCPT is required.
 - If admitted, students will need to provide official transcripts (and official evaluations, if applicable) from each institution
- Copy of current Physical Therapy License
- Employer Verification Letter
 - All students must submit verification of at least 1 year of current employment as a physical therapist
- Language Proficiency requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details:
<https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The PP-DPT is a post-graduate program offered to both Masters- and Bachelors-prepared physical therapists, with credit awarded for prior related coursework. Physical therapists who have earned a Master's level degree in physical therapy or other post-graduate health-related programs of study, are required to complete a total of 16 credits from Shenandoah University. These credit hours may be completed over an accelerated 3 terms (Track I) or over 6 consecutive terms (Track II). Students who hold a Bachelor's Degree in physical therapy are required to complete a total of 20 credits at Shenandoah University through the Track III curriculum, offered over 7 consecutive terms. A minimum grade of 80% must be earned in all courses to successfully complete the program.

CURRICULUM

Track I – One-Year Plan

Course	Title	Credits
Fall Semester		
PT 835	Incorporating Evidence in Daily Practice	2
PT 836	Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2
PT 844	PT Role in Community and Global Health	1
PT 834	Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1
Spring Semester		
PT 842	Differential Examination & Diagnosis in PT Practice	2
PT 846	Emerging Clinical Practice I	1
PT 899	Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2
Summer Semester		
PT 849	The Doctoring Profession	2
PT 848	Emerging Clinical Practice II	2
	PP-DPT Elective Course	1
Total		16

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Summer (May): Track III (Bachelor's Level PTs)
Fall (August): Track I & II (Master's Level PTs)

Admission Deadline

Summer: April 1
Fall: June 1

Completed applications are reviewed regularly and applications are accepted after deadlines on a space-available basis

Format/Location

Online

How to Apply to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/ptapp.

International Applicants

Applicants licensed in the following states must meet English language proficiency standards: CO, CT, DE, FL, IN, MO, NY, PA, WI and Puerto Rico

Applicants can upload an unofficial copy of their academic credential evaluation to serve as his or her unofficial transcript from that institution. An official evaluation must be sent with the official transcript after the student is admitted.

Transfer Credit

A minimum grade of "B-" required for any transfer credit. A maximum of 14 credits can be transferred in for Tracks I and II. A maximum of 10 credits can be transferred in for Track III.

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Visit <http://su.edu/ppdpt> for more information.

Track II – Two-Year Plan

Course	Title	Credits
Fall Semester 1		
PT 835	Incorporating Evidence in Daily Practice	2
PT 834	Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1
Spring Semester 1		
PT 842	Differential Examination & Diagnosis in PT Practice	2
PT 899	Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2
Summer Semester 1		
	PP-DPT Elective Course	1
Fall Semester 2		
PT 836	Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2
PT 825	Billing and Reimbursement	1
Spring Semester 2		
PT 846	Emerging Clinical Practice I	1
Summer Semester 2		
PT 849	The Doctoring Profession	2
PT 848	Emerging Clinical Practice II	2
	Total	16

Track III – Seven Consecutive Terms

Course	Title	Credits
Summer Semester 1		
PT 860	Advanced Human Anatomy	2
Fall Semester 1		
PT 835	Incorporating Evidence in Daily Practice	2
PT 834	Professionalism in Physical Therapy	1
Spring Semester 1		
PT 842	Differential Examination & Diagnosis in PT Practice	2
PT 899	Pharmacology in Physical Medicine	2
Summer Semester 2		
	PP-DPT Elective Courses (3)	3
Fall Semester 2		
PT 836	Medical Imaging in Rehabilitation	2
PT 825	Billing and Reimbursement	1
Spring Semester 2		
PT 846	Emerging Clinical Practice I	1
Summer Semester 3		
PT 848	Emerging Clinical Practice II	2
PT 849	The Doctoring Profession	2
	Total	20

Elective Course Options

Course	Title	Credits
PT 826	Management and Leadership	1
PT 850	Advanced PT Practice for the Geriatric Client	1
PT 852	Advanced Practice in Pediatric PT	1
PT 885	Vestibular Rehabilitation	1
PT 887	Women's Health Issues in PT	1
PT 888	Understanding and Managing the Pain Experience	1
PT 860	Advanced Human Anatomy	2

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for Shenandoah University physical therapy alumni, Shenandoah University physical therapy clinical instructors, and employees of Valley Health Systems, Inova Health Systems, and West Virginia University Hospital-East.