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# D.Sc.P.T.



## DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Degree Program Offered By  
The College of Allied Health  
Health Professions Division  
Nova Southeastern University

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# PHYSICAL THERAPY DOCTORAL PROGRAM

A strong need for a doctoral program to encourage the professional growth of physical therapists has been identified. As our health care delivery systems change and our knowledge base broadens, it becomes important for licensed physical therapists to continue their formal studies to assume roles as consultants, educators, researchers, advanced clinicians and health care leaders.

Nova Southeastern University's doctoral program in Physical Therapy addresses these needs in a curriculum which will prepare its students to become leaders of the profession.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Graduates of the program will be able to:

- Serve as change agents in organizations
- Negotiate and advocate for patients, self and others for the provision of health care services
- Address health care issues of patients through the life cycle
- Educate patients, students, peers and other health care providers in order to accomplish treatment goals and the goals of the program
- Consult with organizations for the development of health care services
- Contribute to physical therapy practice through clinical research

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (D.Sc.P.T.) degree program requires 90 semester hours beyond the undergraduate professional physical therapy degree. At least 60 semester hours are required beyond the entry level master's degree in physical therapy, or beyond an advanced master's degree (in which the undergraduate or master's degree were in Physical Therapy).

Requirements include satisfactory completion of all courses, seminars, independent study, and research. Course work is divided into required core courses and elective courses. The Committee on Admissions will evaluate courses taken in other fields to determine whether they meet the requirements.

Faculty and students are expected to communicate by computer modem, fax, or telephone when not in the classroom. Students will be able to complete course requirements with minimal on-campus time.

Students have up to seven years to complete the degree requirements. They may take 12 semester hours each term to complete the degree program in 7.5 terms (2.5 years). Students must earn a "B" grade in each course to continue in the doctoral program and to graduate.

## COURSE OF STUDY

*For students holding master's or entry level master's degree in physical therapy with transferable credits:*

|  | <b>Semester Hours</b> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Required core courses                  | 23                    |
| Specialty courses                      | minimum of 6          |
| Elective courses                       | 9                     |
| Project Demonstrating Excellence (PDE) | 22                    |

Courses will be conducted in an Institute format and as independent study under faculty supervision. The distance education format enables students to continue their practice as physical therapists while earning the degree.

Graduates will be awarded the D.Sc.P.T. degree upon satisfactory completion of all degree requirements.

# ADMISSION R

Selection of students for the Physical Therapy doctoral program is based on performance during an interview, prior academic performance, clinical experience, and references. We seek students who have qualities such as assertiveness, initiative, leadership, self-understanding, openness, strong communication skills, and who are critical thinkers. Students must also be emotionally stable team players.

1. Applicants must be licensed physical therapists who are graduates of schools accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Graduates of Physical Therapy schools in other countries who are licensed in the United States are also eligible with

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## APPLICATION

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed application form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$50
2. Official transcripts from all undergraduate, professional, and graduate institutions attended, sent directly to the Office of Admissions, NSU Physical Therapy Program, from the institutions.
3. Three letters of evaluation from persons who can

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## TUITION A

1. Anticipated tuition (subject to change by the Board of Trustees without notice): \$6,000 each term for full time students (7 to 12 credit hours) and and \$3,000 each term for part-time students (6 credit hours or less). A student activities fee of \$100 each year is required.
2. Acceptance Fee - \$100. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant's place in the entering class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on Registration Day, but is not refundable in case of a an applicant's acceptance.
3. Deposit - \$400. This is due sixty days prior to registration, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

# EQUIREMENTS

review of academic credentials by an appropriate agency and review of TOEFL scores.

2. Applicants must hold at least a master's degree (with a bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy), advanced or entry level master's degree in Physical Therapy
3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or TOEFL, when appropriate.

The Dean is empowered to evaluate the total qualifications of every student and to modify requirements in unusual circumstances.

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# PROCEDURES

evaluate the applicant's performance as a physical therapist and/or the applicant's potential for doctoral studies

4. Copies of all physical therapy licenses, professional certifications, registrations, or other relevant credentials
5. Official GRE scores; TOEFL scores, if appropriate.

After an evaluation of credentials, qualified applicants will be invited for an interview.

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# AND FEES

4. Pre-registration Fee - \$500. This is due thirty days prior to registration, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

The first term's tuition and fees, less the \$1,000 previously paid, are due on or before Registration Day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate Registration Day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met.

It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization plan obtainable through the university.

# CURRICULUM OUTLINE

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|-------|------|---|
| * PHT | 7010 | Professional Issues in PT<br>and Health Care      |
| * PHT | 7020 | Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Care           |
| * PHT | 7030 | Health Care Policy and<br>Health Care Reform      |
| * PHT | 7110 | Research Methods                                  |
| * PHT | 7120 | Critical Inquiry                                  |
| * PHT | 7130 | Scientific Writing                                |
| * PHT | 7140 | The Therapist and Cultural Diversity              |
| PHT   | 7200 | Teaching and Learning in<br>Physical Therapy      |
| PHT   | 7210 | Patient Education                                 |
| PHT   | 7300 | Consulting Skills                                 |
| PHT   | 7310 | Consulting as a Physical Therapist                |
| PHT   | 7400 | Independent Study                                 |
| PHT   | 7420 | Health Care Delivery Systems                      |
| PHT   | 7430 | Physical Therapy Management                       |
| PHT   | 7500 | Computing Technology in Education                 |
| PHT   | 7510 | Emerging Technologies in Education                |
| PHT   | 7610 | Neuroscience                                      |
| PHT   | 7620 | Joint & Skeletal Muscles:<br>Structure & Function |
| PHT   | 7700 | Advanced Clinical Competency I                    |
| PHT   | 7710 | Advanced Clinical Competency II                   |
| * PHT | 7800 | Project Demonstrating Excellence                  |

\* Required core courses



# DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITIES

The Health Professions Division occupies 21 acres and over 900,000 square feet of space on the Nova Southeastern University campus in Ft. Lauderdale. Headquarters for the Health Professions Division and its six colleges is a five-story Administration Building, the upper floors made up of the Colleges' headquarters, Division administration and faculty offices. The first floor is student-related with a large area devoted to the Department of Admissions and Student Affairs and an equally large area to a cafeteria.



## INFORMATION

Admission information and applications for the doctoral program may be obtained from the **Office of Admissions, Health Professions Division, Nova Southeastern University, 3200 South University Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33328.** The telephone number is 1-800-356-0026, Ext. 1101 or (954) 262-1101. The website is [www.nova.edu](http://www.nova.edu)



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## *Accreditation*

The Physical Therapy Program was granted full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in October, 1996.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

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