



Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Embark on a transformative journey with UTRGV's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Crafted to develop and hone advanced clinical competencies, this program is dedicated to sculpting future leaders in physical therapy who are equipped to thrive amidst the complexities of a diverse healthcare landscape. Over three years (9 semesters), students dive into intensive coursework and engage in four full-time clinical experiences, mastering the art of enhancing quality of life through expert patient care. From injury recovery to optimizing movement and wellness, our graduates emerge ready to excel on the national licensure exam and embrace autonomous practice, shaping the future of a healthier community..

WHY UTRGV:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has consistently been ranked by nationally esteemed outlets such as the U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, and Washington Monthly, for its graduation rates, student satisfaction, affordability, and post-graduate success. We offer more than a degree, we offer a passport to success!



WHY THIS PROGRAM:

Unlock your potential as a rehabilitation expert with UTRGV's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Our cutting-edge curriculum seamlessly blends hands-on practice, clinical expertise, and the latest in evidence-based principles to mold you into a confident healthcare professional. Embark on an educational journey where every course is a stepping stone towards excellence in physical therapy care.

Seize the opportunity to flourish in a high-demand career as you master a diverse skill set:

- **Chronic Disease Management:** Play a pivotal role in combating chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease through physical therapy.
- **Movement Science:** Gain insights into enhancing function and movement for all ages.
- **Manual Therapy Excellence:** Learn hands-on techniques to alleviate pain and improve mobility with expert precision.
- **Clinical Decision-Making Acumen:** Develop the ability to make informed decisions that significantly enhance your clinical outcomes and optimize your patients' wellbeing.

Step into a world of opportunity with our DPT program, your gateway to transforming lives.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be admitted to the DPT program, prospective candidates must first meet all requirements for graduate admission to UTRGV, as well as the other requirements listed below:

- ☐ Submit application on PTCAS.
- ☐ Undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- ☐ Prerequisite GPA of 3.0.
- ☐ The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline. There is no minimum score requirement, but a Verbal score >150 and a Quantitative score >145 are recommended.
- ☐ Complete at least 50 observation hours in at least two practice settings (i.e. orthopedics, pediatrics, neurorehabilitation).
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation (two from Physical Therapists).
- ☐ Personal Essay (Details on PTCAS).

PREREQUISITES

Earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States

4 semester hours of Biology I with laboratory (General, Cell, or Molecular)

4 semester hours of Biology II with laboratory or upper level biology with laboratory (General, Cell, or Molecular)

4 semester hours Human Anatomy and Physiology I with laboratory

4 semester hours of Human Anatomy and Physiology II with laboratory

4 semester hours of Chemistry I with laboratory

4 semester hours of Chemistry II with laboratory

4 semester hours of Physics I with laboratory

4 semester hours of Physics II with laboratory

3 semester hours of General or Introductory Psychology OR Introduction to Sociology

3 semester hours of Developmental (Lifespan) OR Abnormal Psychology

3 semester hours of Statistics that must include instruction on Analysis of Variance techniques

3 semester hours of a Medical Terminology course (college/university)

3 semester hours of Exercise Physiology or Advanced Human Physiology