

PHYSICAL THERAPY – D.P.T. (POSTPROFESSIONAL)

Program director

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The postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PP-D.P.T.) degree is designed for the individual with a degree in physical therapy who wishes to pursue advanced studies within the profession.

Two tracks lead to the postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree:

- The 66-unit track is designed for individuals with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from an accredited program, or who have the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree in physical therapy.
- The 45-unit track is designed for individuals with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from an accredited program, or who have the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree in physical therapy, and have earned a master's degree.

Technology requirement

Students are required to have an iPad for the courses in the orthopaedic and neurology tracks, as well as for testing activities in all courses. It is highly recommended that students have access to a personal computer (minimum: 800 MHz multimedia) with Internet access (minimum: 56 k.b.p.s. [connected at 44+ k.b.p.s.]). A \$65 technology fee is charged in year one for the 45-unit track, and years one and two for the 66-unit track.

Program learning outcomes

In addition to the stated institutional learning outcomes (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/institutional-learning-outcomes/>), by the end of this program, the graduate should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a commitment to discovery.
2. Apply basic sciences to physical therapy practice.
3. Provide advanced patient-specific physical therapy care.
4. Select best practice and examination techniques based on scientific evidence.

Admissions

Admission is based on a selective process. In addition to Loma Linda University (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/admission-policies-information/#admissionrequirementstext>) and School of Allied Health Professions (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/allied-health-professions/#generalregulationstext>) admissions requirements, the applicant must also complete the following requirements:

- Must have earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from an accredited program or have the equivalent of a four (4) year U.S. bachelor's degree in physical therapy.
- Must have earned a master's degree (45-unit track only).
- Upon evaluation of transcripts, additional corequisites may be required, and sequencing of courses may be modified.

There is no GRE requirement for acceptance into this program.

Program requirements

45-unit track

Required

AHCJ 519	Graduate Wholeness Portfolio ¹	1
PTGR 511	Advanced Clinical Practice I: Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	3
PTGR 512	Advanced Clinical Practice II	3
PTGR 513	Advanced Clinical Practice III	3
PTGR 514	Professional Systems in Management I	3
PTGR 515	Cardiopulmonary Approaches to Assessment, Wellness, and Disease	3
PTGR 516	Movement Science of the Upper Quarter	3
PTGR 517	Movement Science: Lower Quarter Biomechanical Relationships	3
PTGR 519	Home Health Physical Therapy for the Post-Acute Patient	3
PTGR 553	Clinical Reasoning and Critical Thinking in Physical Therapy	3
PTGR 571	Advanced Physiology I: Neurobiology	3
PTGR 578	Medical Screening for Physical Therapists	3
PTGR 579	Clinical Imaging for Physical Therapist	3
PTGR 594	Evidence-Based Practice in Physical Therapy	2
RELR 525	Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3

Electives

Choose 3 units from the following:		3
PTGR 501	Advanced Orthopaedic Specialty Tracks I	
PTGR 505	Orthopaedic Intervention: Regional Interdependency of the Cervical Spine & Upper Extremities	
PTGR 509	Function-Based Rehabilitation	
PTGR 518	Topics in Rehabilitation	
PTGR 529	Integumentary and Lymphatic Systems: Evaluation and Intervention	

Total Units **45**

¹ Fulfills service learning requirement

Normal time to complete the program

One (1) year (four [4] academic quarters) – based on full-time enrollment

66-unit track

Required

AHCJ 519	Graduate Wholeness Portfolio ¹	1
PTGR 501	Advanced Orthopaedic Specialty Tracks I	3
PTGR 505	Orthopaedic Intervention: Regional Interdependency of the Cervical Spine & Upper Extremities	3
PTGR 506	Soft-Tissue Mobilization	3
PTGR 509	Function-Based Rehabilitation	3
PTGR 510	Neurologic Upper Extremity Management	3
PTGR 511	Advanced Clinical Practice I: Orthopaedic Rehabilitation	3
PTGR 512	Advanced Clinical Practice II	3

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PTGR 513	Advanced Clinical Practice III	3
PTGR 514	Professional Systems in Management I	3
PTGR 515	Cardiopulmonary Approaches to Assessment, Wellness, and Disease	3
PTGR 516	Movement Science of the Upper Quarter	3
PTGR 517	Movement Science: Lower Quarter Biomechanical Relationships	3
PTGR 519	Home Health Physical Therapy for the Post-Acute Patient	3
PTGR 529	Integumentary and Lymphatic Systems: Evaluation and Intervention	3
PTGR 553	Clinical Reasoning and Critical Thinking in Physical Therapy	3
PTGR 571	Advanced Physiology I: Neurobiology	3
PTGR 573	Pathokinesiology of Gait	3
PTGR 577	Pharmacology in Physical Therapy	3
PTGR 578	Medical Screening for Physical Therapists	3
PTGR 579	Clinical Imaging for Physical Therapist	3
PTGR 594	Evidence-Based Practice in Physical Therapy	2
RELR 525	Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3
Total Units		66

¹ Fulfills service learning requirement

Normal time to complete the program

1.5 years (six [6] academic quarters) – based on full-time enrollment