

# SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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## Graduate Degrees Offered

- D.P.T. in Physical Therapy - Professional (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/physical-therapy-professional-dpt/>)
- Ph.D. in Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/physical-therapy-phd/>)
- Graduate Certificate of Advanced Studies in Women's Health Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/post-baccalaureate-certificate-advanced-studies-womens-health-physical-therapy/>)

The School of Physical Therapy offers coursework leading to two separate graduate degrees. The professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/doctor-of-physical-therapy-dpt/>) (D.P.T.) degree is designed for students who wish to enter the professional field of physical therapy and who hold baccalaureate degrees in other areas. The Doctor of Philosophy (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/doctor-of-philosophy-in-physical-therapy-phd/>) (Ph.D.) degree is offered to encourage individuals with a professional degree in physical therapy to prepare for future education or research careers.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree curriculum is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (<http://www.capteonline.org/home.aspx>). This program requires a minimum of 33 months of study and provides the basic preparation required for national licensure examination. Students are in class full-time, year-round. The program begins each fall semester at the T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences at the Dallas Center (<https://www.twu.edu/dallas/>), the Health Science Complex at the Denton Center, and the (<https://twu.edu/college-health-sciences/news/doctoral-pt-program-approved-for-denton/>) TWU Institute for Health Sciences at the Houston Center (<https://twu.edu/houston/>). (<https://twu.edu/college-health-sciences/news/doctoral-pt-program-approved-for-denton/>)

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in physical therapy at Texas Woman's University produces graduates who can become leaders in the field of physical therapy and who are well-prepared to pursue careers in education and research in physical therapy. The curriculum for the Ph.D. provides an environment in which the student analyzes available scientific literature and methodology relevant to solving clinical problems and information in order to conduct productive research. The Ph.D.

program is offered via online and on-campus learning experiences in Dallas and Houston.

## Certificates

A Graduate Certificate of Advanced Studies is available in Women's Health Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/post-baccalaureate-certificate-advanced-studies-womens-health-physical-therapy/>). The certificate consists of 12 graduate semester credit hours, which can be included as part of the post-professional Doctor of Philosophy degree upon admission as a degree-seeking student.