About the Program

The Physical Therapy Program at the University of Kentucky has been educating physical therapists since 1967. Our program is conducted at the Lexington, Kentucky campus and at the Center of Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard, Kentucky. We received our most recent continued full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) in 2014.

Doctorate of Physical Therapy

The purpose of the Physical Therapy Program at the University of Kentucky is foremost to meet the physical therapy needs of Kentucky and contribute to global needs overall by developing competent physical therapy practitioners who are critical thinkers, educators and professionals. The Physical Therapy Program strives to develop:

- competent practitioners
- practitioners as critical thinkers
- practitioners as health care educators
- professional practitioners

We accomplish these goals through:

- Educational programs at campuses in Lexington and the Center of Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard, KY
- Scholarship, research and creative activities
- Public service
- Professional socialization

What is a Physical Therapist?

Physical Therapy is about caring for people who are facing physical impairment. Through an established theoretical base and clinical care, a physical therapist’s goal is to restore a patient’s optimal physical function with support, knowledge, and understanding.
The Journey to Become a:
[Physical Therapist]

Program Requirements

Prerequisites*
Most students earn a Bachelor’s before entering our program. However, as a
University Scholar they may enter without a degree; they receive a Bachelor’s
in Health Sciences upon completion of the DPT. For more information about
course prerequisites, visit the website at www.uky.edu/chs/pt.

- Biology I
- Biology II
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Physics I
- Physics II
- Medical Terminology
- Psychology
- Psychology (specialized)
- Statistics
- Communication / Speech / Public Speaking

Admission

Admission to the PT Program involves a two-step application and an interview
for the best-qualified candidates. You must apply to the Physical Therapy
Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) and the CHS Office of Student Affairs.

Timeline

Mid-July

PTCAS online
portal opens & CHS
application available.

Dec. 1

Dec. 15

Jan. 15

Early Jan.

Early March

August

Courses begin.

Contact us for more information:
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Have more questions?

Notes: 1. Four to five semester hours required. Lab is also required. 2. Two to three
semester hours required. 3. Three semester hours required.

*Prerequisites subject to change. Please visit the website for updated information.

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