

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) at St. Ambrose University is 28 months in length. Graduates will complete a total of 115 credits, including clinical 6 clinical rotations. All summer courses are held over six weeks from the end of May through early July.

Please [consult the online course catalog](#) for detailed course descriptions.

COURSE SEQUENCE

The following courses have been approved as the curriculum for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Year One

Fall	Credit	Spring	Credit
DPT 500 Human Gross Anatomy	5	DPT 520 Pathology and Medical Management I	3
DPT 515 Professional Seminar	0	DPT 540 Neuroanatomy/Neurophysiology	5
DPT 530 Kinesiology/Biomechanics	5	DPT 570 Physical Agents	3
DPT 531 Functional Anatomy	2	DPT 580 Clinical Education ¹	3
DPT 550 Introduction to PT	3	DPT 635 Clinical Exercise Physiology	3
DPT 560 Physical Therapy Procedures I	3	DPT 650 Evidence Based Practice I	3
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	20

¹ DPT 580 is a 3-week clinical held in March. Other courses begin in early-January.

Summer	Credit
DPT 525 Pathology and Medical Management II	3
DPT 645 Pediatric Therapeutics	2
DPT 700 Evidence Based Practice II	1
DPT 800 Applied Anatomy and Physiology	2
Total Credits	8

Year Two

Fall	Credit	Spring	Credit
DPT 600 Issues in Patient Care	3	DPT 660 Professional Practice in Healthcare	3
DPT 620 Musculoskeletal Therapeutics I	5	DPT 670 Orthotics and Prosthetics	3
DPT 630 Neuromuscular Therapeutics	5	DPT 674 Integumentary Therapeutics	1
DPT 680 Clinical Education ²	3	DPT 715 Evidence Based Practice IV	1
DPT 710 Evidence Based Practice III	1	DPT 720 Musculoskeletal Therapeutics II	3
DPT 810 Imaging	1	DPT 760 Physical Therapy Procedures II	4
DPT 640 Cardiopulmonary Therapeutics	3	DPT 780 Clinical Education ³	3
		DPT 820 Differential Diagnosis	2
Total Credits	21	Total Credits	20

² DPT 680 is a 3-week clinical held mid-semester.

³ DPT 780 is a 3-week clinical held in early-January.

Summer	Credit
DPT 781 Clinical Education ⁴	8
DPT 830 Management of the Medically Complex Patient ⁵	1
Total Credits	9

⁴ DPT 781 is an 8-week internship.

⁵ DPT 830 is a 1-week course held in May right after spring semester finals week.

Year Three

Fall	Credit
DPT 782 Clinical Education ⁶	8
DPT 784 Clinical Education ⁷	10
DPT 835 Portfolio Project	0
Total Credits	18

⁶ DPT 782 is an 8-week internship.

⁷ DPT 784 is a 10-week internship.