



TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Imagine being a member of a coalition of researchers, educators, and practitioners from many professions who work together to improve human health. We transform students into highly skilled health care practitioners who advance the health and well-being of society. Through research, we discover, evaluate, and implement new knowledge to improve models and methods of practice in pharmacy and health sciences from the urban to global levels. Arrive at your health career destination by accepting our invitation to explore the programs of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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WHAT IS THE TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY?

The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program is designed for physical therapists who are graduates of an accredited physical therapy program and have a current US or Canadian physical therapy license. The curriculum is intended to build on the skills, knowledge and experience of practicing clinicians. It prepares therapists for autonomous, evidence-based practice by augmenting their knowledge in the areas of differential diagnosis, physical assessment, diagnostic imaging, and scientific inquiry.

WHY TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM?

"I am a strong advocate of continuous professional development and I wanted to expand my knowledge base. I had completed 10 years of clinical experience but knew that much information had been added to the field since I completed my MPT. Pursuing a tDPT degree would also help me remain marketable."

- ANDREA MOORE
Physical Therapist

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WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Wayne State University is one of America's premier urban research universities, with more than 28,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The University provides a multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and collaborates closely with government, industry and other institutions on a range of programs.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) is located on one of the largest academic medical campuses in the United States and puts you in close proximity to the nation's leading health care educators. A degree from the College puts you in good company, with more than 12,000 EACPHS-educated health care professionals working in Michigan.

Wayne State's transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program is a part-time program that combines Web-based distance learning with an intensive weekend coursework format, providing flexibility for students who are employed. It also gives students an opportunity to pursue special areas of interest through directed study or elective options. Regardless of their location in the US or Canada, students pay in-state tuition.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The prospective student must apply to the Wayne State University Graduate School and the Physical Therapy Program. The completion of admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program is designed for individuals who already possess a Master of Physical Therapy degree, and have a current US or Canadian physical-therapy license.

To apply to the transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program, you need to provide:

- A transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program application submitted to WSU Graduate School.
- An external evaluation of international transcripts (ECE or WES preferred).
- Two letters of recommendation using the forms provided (one letter must be from a licensed physical therapist).
- A personal professional statement.
- A current resume showing a minimum of one year of clinical practice.
- A notarized copy of current license to practice physical therapy in the United States or Canada.

The GRE is not required for the program. If you are not a current or past Wayne State University graduate student, you must also complete a Wayne State University graduate application and provide the documentation asked for by Graduate Admissions. Admission to the Graduate School is a requirement for admission to the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree requires a minimum of 24 credits for eight core courses for individuals already possessing a Master of Physical Therapy degree. For individuals not possessing a Master of Physical Therapy degree, the applicant's educational and professional qualifications will be reviewed, and an individual plan of work will be designed to meet the student's degree requirements. Students who have a bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours.

The core curriculum consists of the following eight courses:

- PT 6300 - Critical Thinking and Inquiry for Health Sciences
- PT 6700 - Motor Learning and Motor Control
- PT 6400 - Teaching and Learning in Health Care
- PT 7990 - Directed Study or approved elective
- PT 8170 - Professional Development & Reflective Practice
- PT 8300 - Differential Diagnosis
- PT 8400 - Diagnostic Procedures
- PT 8850 - Clinical Practicum



Transitional DPT alumna **ANDREA MOORE** was inspired to pursue the field after a presentation at an after school program in high school. She chose WSU because of its "outstanding reputation" and, as a graduate of Detroit Public Schools, she wanted to continue her education in the city of Detroit. She currently works at a skilled nursing/extended care facility,

working with patients on increasing their strength and mobility after an injury or other physical conditions. She appreciates that the majority of the classes in the program are available on-line, making her able to work full-time and fulfill family obligations while pursuing a post-graduate level degree. She found faculty accessible and appreciated that students are assigned an advisor "who can help you to stay on track in completing your course requirements provide assistance in selecting electives." Andrea held a Master of PT from WSU, and found that completing the doctoral program "not only increased my knowledge base but has enhanced my clinical skills as a physical therapist."

GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY APPLICATION PROCESS:

<http://cphs.wayne.edu/physical-therapy/tdpt-admissions.php>

- Fall term - June 1
- Winter term - October 1
- Spring/Summer term - February 1

GRADUATE APPLICATION:

<http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate>
Office of Graduate Admissions
5057 Woodward, Suite 6000
Detroit, MI 48202
313-577-GRAD (4723)

Office of Student Financial Aid
313-577-2100
<http://wayne.edu/financial-aid/>

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THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY:

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.