Doctor of

PHYSICAL THERAPY

(DPT)

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE
& CONTINUING STUDIES

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Physical therapy is a health-care profession devoted to human health and function. Physical Therapy improves and maintains an individual’s ability to move and assists in the prevention of movement disorders. Physical therapists work in a variety of settings including private practice, acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, nursing homes, industry, private home therapy, school systems, athletic programs and fitness centers.

Stockton’s Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is a professional, entry-level program for those students who are not currently licensed physical therapists. The program is three years of full-time study (six semesters plus two summers). This brochure describes the professional DPT program.

Stockton also offers a post-professional DPT or “transitional” DPT program for those students who are already licensed physical therapists. The post-professional DPT is primarily distance learning and requires a maximum of seven courses. For information on the “transitional” program for practicing physical therapists, please visit our Web site at www.stockton.edu/grad.

ACCREDITATION
In the US, a practicing physical therapist must hold a state license. For a US-educated person, the following must be fulfilled:

1. Graduation from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE);
2. Passage of the National Physical Therapy Examination to receive a state physical therapy license.

Stockton’s DPT program is accredited by CAPTE located at:
1111 North Fairfax Street / Alexandria, VA 22314-1488
(703) 684-APTA (2781)

The mission of CAPTE is to serve the public by establishing and applying standards that assure quality and continuous improvement in the entry-level preparation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, and that reflect the evolving nature of education, research and practice. Graduates of Stockton’s DPT Program will meet the academic eligibility requirement to take the National Physical Therapy Examination.
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The DPT program is among the most competitive at the College. It is a doctoral program that strives to meet the highest academic and professional standards. Admission is very selective. Students are considered once per year; a new class of students (cohort) begins every fall.

In order to assist a student decide when she/he elects to exercise their option to file an application, the Program and the College will publish information about the academic qualifications of recent students admitted to the program, e.g. high-school class rank, SAT scores, overall GPA, GPA in science courses; check the Web sites of the graduate school and the DPT program.

Prospective students can apply to the DPT program when they are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program (at Stockton or another college/university) or are in possession of an undergraduate degree. Admission requirements for this group can be found at www.stockton.edu/grad or through contact with the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Preference is given to Stockton students and graduates, though non-Stockton applicants are accepted annually.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE APPLICANTS:

• Completion of a minimum of 64 credit hours of undergraduate education at a regionally-accredited college or university at the time of application; the 64 credits must include the prerequisite courses.

• Completion of prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C” by the end of the fall semester of the academic year in which the student is applying. Visit www.stockton.edu/dpt to learn more about these prerequisite courses.

• Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, though the GPA of a typical-admitted student and the GPA in science coursework is higher. Information about the cumulative GPA of admitted students can be accessed at www.stockton.edu/dpt in the FAQ section. Cumulative GPA includes all coursework at regionally-accredited colleges or universities attended.

• Completion of the Application for Graduate Admission with DPT supplements. Please visit: www.ptcas.org for online application and www.stockton.edu for supplemental information.

• Physical therapy volunteer and/or paid experience is required. A minimum of 80 hours of experience is required and successful applicants usually have more. The purpose is for applicants to gain an understanding of the scope of physical therapy practice and to be observed by a licensed physical therapist in a health-care setting. Despite the length of field experience, a physical therapist letter of recommendation is required.

• Standardized test scores. You must submit option one or option two below:

   Option 1: If you have taken the GRE, official test scores must be requested from the appropriate testing agency and reported directly to the Graduate Admissions Office.

   Option 2: If you have not taken the GRE, you must submit your SAT or ACT scores from the appropriate testing agency and request they be sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office. Stockton students who have previously submitted their scores do not have to resend them. A combined SAT score of 1130 is recommended.

• Students must meet the “Technical Standards and Essential Functions” requirements for participation in Stockton’s Physical Therapy Program. These functions can be reviewed online at www.stockton.edu/dpt in the admissions section.
THE CURRICULUM
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Total credits: 12-13 undergraduate + 104 doctoral. Students are considered graduate (doctoral) students for three years, even if they are still completing their undergraduate degree during year one.

YEAR 1

Fall Semester (12 credits)
PHTH 5010 Human Gross Anatomy
BIOL 4230 Neuroscience with Lab
PHTH 5020 Pathology I

Additional courses toward an undergraduate major (B.S. or B.A. degree)

Spring Semester (17 credits)
BIOL 4150 Advanced Physiology
PHTH 5025 Pathology II
PHTH 5001 Kinesiology, Basic PT Evaluation

Statistics (if not previously completed)

Additional courses toward an undergraduate major (B.S. or B.A. degree*)

Students must hold a baccalaureate degree at the end of the spring semester of Year 1.

YEAR 2

Fall Semester (18 credits)
PHTH 5500 Musculoskeletal PT I
PHTH 5510 Musculoskeletal PT II
PHTH 5600 Research I

Spring Semester (19 credits)
PHTH 5520 Musculoskeletal PT III
PHTH 5530 Musculoskeletal PT IV
PHTH 5610 Research II
PHTH 6610 Physical Therapy Management
PHTH 5805 Pre-Clinical Experience I

Summer (5 credits)
PHTH 5810 Clinical Experience I (10 weeks off-campus)

YEAR 3

Fall Semester (21 credits)
PHTH 6500 Neuromuscular PT I
PHTH 6510 Neuromuscular PT II
PHTH 6520 Cardiopulmonary PT
PHTH 6805 Pre-Clinical Experience II

Spring Semester (20 credits)
(Note: the spring semester begins early.)
PHTH 6810 Clinical Experience II (10 weeks off-campus)

Last 6 weeks on-campus:
PHTH 6650 Issues in Health Care
PHTH 6630 Other Systems in PT
PHTH 6640 Education Practicum
PHTH 6660 Health and Wellness Practicum
PHTH 6620 Research III
PHTH 6815 Pre-Clinical Experience III

Summer (5 credits)
PHTH 6820 Clinical Experience III (10 weeks off-campus)
Anatomy

Basic Human Movement

Physiology

Undergraduate Volunteer Experience

Research and Clinical Experience

Physiology

Pathology

Basic Human Movement

Anatomy

PT Procedures & Modalities

Orthopedics

Sports Injuries

Prosthetics

Neck & Spine Pain

Oncology

Neurological Disorders

Soft Tissue Injuries

Pediatrics

Health & Wellness

Cardiopulmonary PT

Women's Health

Women's Health

Health & Wellness

Pathology

Research and Clinical Experience

To learn more about the DPT Program visit the Physical Therapy Web site: www.stockton.edu/dpt
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is the length of the program?**
- The program is a full-time only degree program, six semesters plus two summers. Accepted students who are Stockton undergraduates may complete two degrees in a “3 + 3” model at an accelerated pace—this means three years of full-time undergraduate study and then three years of full-time graduate study. Completion of the undergraduate/baccalaureate degree is at the end of the fourth year of study.

**Do I need to have a specific degree for admittance into the program?**
- No, students may complete a baccalaureate degree in any discipline. Many DPT students incorporate the prerequisite courses into their undergraduate degree and biology is a common major.

**When are applications due?**
- Applications are due by December 1 for study that begins the following fall semester.

**Are GRE or similar test scores required?**
- Yes. You must submit your most recent scores from one of the following: either GRE, SAT or ACT scores.

**What is tuition for the DPT program?**
- In year one, students pay undergraduate tuition for all required, non-PHTH acronym courses. Students pay doctoral tuition for all other courses. Tuition information can be accessed at www.stockton.edu under Bursar’s Office.

**What type of financial assistance is available?**
- Financial Aid is available through applications from Stockton’s Financial Aid Office.
- Graduate Assistantships are available through the Graduate Admissions Office.
- Some graduate scholarships are available through the Stockton College Foundation.

*Please consult the graduate school’s pamphlet, “How To Finance Your Graduate Education” at www.stockton.edu/grad.*

**Why should I consider attending Stockton’s DPT Program**

**Faculty and Reputation:**
- Nationally renowned faculty, 100% of whom hold doctoral degrees
- Highly accessible to students inside and outside the classroom
- Our graduates routinely pass the National Physical Therapy Examination and score above national averages

**Facilities:**
- State-of-the-art labs and equipment on a beautiful campus
- Two hospitals located on Stockton’s campus give students the opportunity to apply their “book knowledge” in a clinical setting
- Scheduled “open laboratories” at Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation where students practice their skills, under the supervision of licensed physical therapists

**Research—Stockton students routinely:**
- Conduct research with faculty
- Present papers and posters at local, state and national conferences
- Compete for graduate student Distinguished Research Fellowship research funds

**Clinical opportunities:**
- Three full-time clinic internships throughout the US, with most located in the mid-Atlantic region
- Opportunities to intern in diverse settings such as, hospitals, rehabilitation, school systems, or specialties such as industrial medicine, sports medicine and pediatrics

Visit [www.stockton.edu/dpt](http://www.stockton.edu/dpt) for a complete list of FAQ.
**FACULTY**

**Elaine Bukowski**, PT, MS, DPT, (Drexel University)  
*Professor of Physical Therapy and Program Director*  
Geriatric and orthopedic physical therapy, extremity kinesiology, gross anatomy, complementary medicine.

**Bess P. Kathrins**, PT, MS, Ph.D., (Touro University International)  
*Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Exercise physiology, cardiopulmonary physical therapy, curriculum development.

**Mary Lou Galantino**, PT, MS, M.S.C.E., Ph.D. (Temple University)  
*Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Chronic pain, HIV, systemic diseases, long-term care rehabilitation, complementary medicine, research.

**Lee Ann Guenther**, PT, MS, DPT (Temple University)  
*Associate Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Clinical education, professional development, ethics, health care management.

**Robert Marsico**, PT, MPT, Ed.D. (Columbia University)  
*Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Orthopedics and cardiopulmonary physical therapy.

**Alysia Mastrangelo**, PT, MPT, Ph.D. (Temple University)  
Associate Professor of Physical Therapy  
Orthopedic and sports physical therapy, women’s health.

**Patricia Q. McGinnis**, PT, MS, Ph.D. (Temple University)  
*Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Neuromuscular physical therapy, balance disorders, geriatric physical therapy.

**Thomas P. Nolan Jr.**, PT, MS, DPT, OCS. (Temple University)  
*Associate Professor of Physical Therapy*  
Orthopedic and sports physical therapy, spinal kinesiology, electrotherapy.

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FROM NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Take Garden State Parkway south. Take Exit 44. Turn right onto Pomona Road. Go 1/2 mile. Make left onto Vera King Farris Drive. Parking on right in lot 4.

FROM CAMDEN/PHILADELPHIA AREA
Take Atlantic City Expressway to exit 12. Turn left. Proceed straight and pass through light at Route 30 (White Horse Pike) to next light at Jimmie Leeds Road. Turn right, go 1 mile on Jimmie Leeds Road and make a left onto Vera King Farris Drive and continue about 1 1/2 miles. Parking on left in lot 4.

FROM SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
Drive north on the Garden State Parkway to the Atlantic City Service area (mile post 41.2). Exit behind the service area to Jimmie Leeds Road, turn left on Jimmie Leeds Road and travel one mile and make a right onto Vera King Farris Drive and proceed 1 1/2 miles. Parking on left in lot 4.

FROM ATLANTIC CITY AREA
Travel west on Route 30 (White Horse Pike) for about 10 miles. Turn right onto Chris Gaupp Rd. Make left onto Jimmie Leeds Road make right onto Vera King Farris Drive and proceed 1 1/2 miles. Parking on left in lot 4.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
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