

# PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Saint Joseph's University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is an accredited doctoral program that prepares you for a fulfilling career in physical [therapy \(PT\)](#). [PT was named one of the best healthcare professions and best jobs overall by U.S. News & World Report](#). With an accelerated curriculum focused on experiential learning (<https://www.sju.edu/departments/physical-therapy/experiential-learning/>), our 31-month physical therapy program will teach you evidence-based techniques and empower you to practice collaboratively in diverse healthcare environments. You'll have access to 350+ full-time clinical practice sites in Philadelphia and beyond and [gain skills to treat a wide swath of](#) patients in [a variety of](#) healthcare settings.

## Faculty

Saint Joseph's physical therapy faculty are skilled practitioners, many of whom are ABPTS certified in a variety of practice areas, such as orthopedics, pediatrics, geriatrics, neurology, cardiopulmonary, sports and more. Faculty apply their expertise in the classroom and in collaborative student-faculty research.

Department of Physical Therapy Faculty (<https://www.sju.edu/departments/physical-therapy/faculty/>)

## Programs

### Undergraduate Majors

Health Sciences Direct Entry into DPT (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/health-professions/health-sciences/health-science-major/#directentrydpttext>)

Exercise Physiology Direct Entry into DPT (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/health-professions/health-sciences/exercise-physiology-major/#directentryphysicaltherapytext>)

## Doctoral

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) (<https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/health-professions/physical-therapy/dpt/>)

## Pathways

### BS to Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Physical therapy is a thriving area of healthcare and one of its most rewarding and fulfilling careers. Saint Joseph's BS in Exercise Physiology/Health Science to Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) prepares you to develop as a skilled practitioner with a fast path to graduation. The curriculum includes a wealth of clinical experiences, including pro-bono clinics and full-time clinical education rotations. Earn two degrees — a BS in exercise physiology or health science and a Doctor of Physical Therapy — in under six years without having to re-apply by meeting all academic criteria and program requirements.

You can enter this accelerated PT program as an incoming first-year student through our direct-entry admission pathway or as a transfer student.

If you already hold a bachelor's degree or higher and have completed all requisites, you can enter the DPT program as a graduate student.