Hardin-Simmons University

TOP 10 REASONS TO ENROLL IN THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM AT HSU

- 10. **FIRST** entry-level professional Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.
- 9. An opportunity to advance your professional development.
- 8. Incredible faculty dedicated to teaching: All are licensed, practicing PTs.; three faculty members have been named Most Outstanding Educator in Texas, one faculty member earned the Most Outstanding Researcher Award in Texas, one faculty member has been recognized as the Most Outstanding PT in the state, on faculty member has been named the Most Outstanding Clinical Educator in Texas and one faculty member has been recognized nationally as the Most Outstanding Educator by the Geriatric Section of the APTA.
- 7. A great environment for learning; including Anatomy, EMG, Musculoskeletal and Physiology labs and a Learning Resource Center. Look beyond the walls!
- 6. Tradition of achievement: two students have earned the Most Outstanding PT Student Award in the United States, eight students have earned the Most Outstanding PT Student Award in Texas, one student has earned the Most Outstanding Researcher Award from the APTA's Geriatric Section, one student has earned the APTA's Private Practice Section's National Student Award, one student has earned the Most Outstanding Minority Student in the United States, one student has earned the Young Investigator Award from the Performing Arts Medical Society, and many manage their own successful PT clinics, including one who has been recognized as the Most Outstanding Private Practitioner in the state and the nation!
- 5. Personalized Clinical Rotations no random draw!
- 4. Graduation in December little competition for employment
- 3. Unbelievably successful graduates: 100% Employment & 98% Pass Rate on state licensure exam.
- 2. Small class size offering a family environment.
- 1. THE DPT degree in 28 months! Your success is our #1 concern.

ADDITIONAL HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

- Annual Mission Trip
- PT Ministries Clinic
- Kinesiotaping Seminars
- Manual Therapy Courses





How can I obtain further information about the **Doctor of Physical Therapy program?**

The Department of Physical Therapy conducts monthly Preview Days that provide prospective students with an opportunity to visit the campus and our outstanding facilities, learn more about the DPT program and the Physical Therapy profession meet our faculty, staff and students and to participate in the required interview if you are qualified.

The upcoming Preview Days for 2014-2015: September 19th, October 24th, November 14th And January 30th

Is the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) required?

Yes. We accept either the new or the old version of the GRE as long as it has been taken in the last 5 years. Verbal, quantitative and writing scores will be considered as part of your application. Recommended scores to be competitive are 150 on verbal/quantitative and 4 on the writing. The Hardin-Simmons University code for the GRE is 6268.

Does HSU use the PTCAS?

No. Apply online at www.hsutx.edu/academics/holland/graduate/physicaltherapy

Should my bachelor's degree be in a specific major?

No. A bachelor's degree in any major, from an accredited university, along with the PT prerequisite courses, is acceptable.

What type of clinical observations are required?

We strongly encourage a variety of observation experiences so you understand the PT scope of practice. We require a minimum of 40 observation/work/volunteer hours with two different licensed physical therapists in two different settings, for a total of 80 hours.

What other qualities are considered in the application process?

HSU closely reviews your resume for leadership, work or sports involvement, as well as community service and volunteer experience in the field. If you are invited for an interview, your prerequisite GPA, overall or last 60 hours GPA, interview and writing sample scores all play an important role in the decision equation.

What is the average GPA of students admitted to your program?

Prerequisite, overall and last 60 hour GPAs average 3.6 for students admitted to the program.

What are the required prerequisite courses for HSU **Doctor of Physical Therapy program?**

*Biology (2 course sequence):

General Biology I & II with lab for Science majors (zoology emphasis preferred) or A&P I & II if Exercise Science or Kinesiology major

*Anatomy (300/400 level):

Advanced Anatomy with lab (preferred), or A&P I if General Biology I is completed *Human Physiology (300/400 level):

Advanced Physiology with lab (preferred), or A&P II if General Biology II is completed NO EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

*Advanced Human Biology Course (300/400 course level):

*If using A&P I & II in place of Advanced Anatomy & Advance Physiology, then an Upper Level Human Biology Course is required

Chemistry:

General chemistry with lab for science majors; organic chemistry or other higher courses may also be used

Physics:

Algebra or Calculus based courses are acceptable

One introductory course; may be taken in any department

Combination of two courses: Introductory, General Psychology and/or Developmental, Abnormal Psychology

One Speech or Oral Communication course



Is Financial Aid available?

There are numerous financial aid opportunities available to students attending Hardin-Simmons University. Scholarships, awards, grants, and forgiveness loans are competitive and must be pursued by the individual student. In-state students may qualify for the Texas Equalizations Grant that is available to those who select an education at a private institution in the state of Texas. The Department of Physical Therapy offers four endowed scholarships to graduating students only and three scholarships for incoming students.

