

# DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The professional entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (D.P.T.) program at HSU selects approximately 28 students from a competitive pool of candidates for the seven-semester program, which begins each fall.

This degree prepares the graduate to be eligible for licensure and entry into the profession as a physical therapist. Applications should be submitted in the summer, one year prior to the anticipated start date.

HSU provides a great environment for learning. The Mabee Hall Physical Therapy building houses classrooms, a learning resource center, student lounge, and laboratories for anatomy, applied physiology, and musculoskeletal rehabilitation.

An outstanding physical therapy faculty is dedicated to teaching excellence, and offer students personalized attention. The faculty have received numerous accolades as outstanding educators, physical therapists, and clinicians. HSU PT students have received national and state recognition, and many graduates manage their own clinics or hold management positions, and all are successful clinicians.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Letter grades are required in all prerequisite courses (no pass/fail grades). Online courses must be preapproved by the director of admissions as suitable courses to satisfy prerequisite requirements. Prerequisite courses taken more than 10 years prior to the time of application must be approved by the director of admissions and may need to be repeated. A Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within the last five years is also required.

## KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROFESSION

Knowledge of physical therapy as a profession is an important requirement. The faculty strongly recommends work or observational experience in a variety of clinical settings. Two letters from two different physical therapists in two different settings for a minimum of 80 hours is required before submitting an application.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Entry into the Physical Therapy Program is extremely competitive. Maintaining excellent grades, letter(s) of recommendation, the personal interview, and writing sample are all important components of the selection process.

For further information, including required prerequisite courses and details on the application process, visit the HSU website at [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu) and click on Physical Therapy under the Admission tab.

## ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Hardin-Simmons University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award a doctor of physical therapy degree.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Program at Hardin-Simmons University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.

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