



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.; State Awards: three faculty members have been named Most Outstanding Educator, one faculty member earned the Most Outstanding Researcher Award; one faculty member has been recognized as the Most Outstanding PT; one faculty member has been named the Most Outstanding Clinical Educator and one faculty member has been recognized nationally as the Most Outstanding Educator by the Geriatric Section of the APTA (National Award).
7. A great environment for learning; including Anatomy, 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/lottery system!
4. Graduation in December - little competition for employment
3. Unbelievably successful graduates: 100% Employment & 97% 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
- Community Service



Answers To Commonly Asked Questions

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 admission interview if you are qualified.

**The upcoming Preview Days for 2017-2018:
September 22nd, October 13th, November 10th,
December 1st, & January 26th if needed**

Does HSU use the PTCAS?

Yes! Apply online at www.ptcas.org. HSU **DOES NOT** require a supplemental application or supplemental application fee.

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 is the average GPA of students admitted to your program?

Prerequisite, overall and last 60 hour GPAs averages range from 3.5-3.6 for students admitted to the program.

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, and two different facilities for a minimum of 80 hours. However., the average number of observation hours of admitted students is about 400.

Is the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) required?

Yes. 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 PTCAS code for the GRE is 0966.

What other qualities are considered in the application process?

The HSU PT program strives to build leaders who are committed to service. Therefore, specific questions on the PTCAS related to Leadership and Service (community, school, church, etc.) are important in the selection process. Other factors include a personal interview, your prerequisite & overall GPA, GRE verbal reasoning & essay scores.

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

Biology OR A&P

General Biology I & II with lab for Science majors OR Biology A&P I & II
(2 course sequence = 8 hours)

Anatomy (300/400 level)

Anatomy with lab (preferred); other upper level human bio courses considered

Human Physiology (300/400 level)

Physiology with lab (preferred); other upper level human bio courses considered

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

Statistics

One introductory course; may be taken in any department

*Psychology

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

-See HSU PTCAS course listings for above courses

-Only 2 science courses may be taken at a Community College

-6 of 9 science/statistics courses must be completed before a seat will be offered

-Science & Statistics coursework older than 10 years not accepted

-*Psychology courses are required but not part of Pre-Req GPA

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 and two scholarships for incoming students.