

Post Professional DPT Program UTC Department of Physical Therapy

The Department of Physical Therapy at UTC offers a post professional—or transition--DPT (tDPT) program designed to enable currently licensed physical therapists to obtain the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The tDPT program is designed for working professionals who graduated with an entry-level bachelor's or master's degree in physical therapy and serves as a second concentration leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree available at UTC.

The tDPT curriculum is a 30 credit hour program that prepares licensed physical therapists to better function as autonomous practitioners who are critical consumers of the literature. This program is being offered exclusively to individuals already working in the field of physical therapy. Therefore, courses are delivered using a non-traditional, asynchronous on-line course delivery format.

The curricular objectives of the tDPT coursework are consistent with the consensus statement published by the American Physical Therapy Association Education Division outlining competencies of the t-DPT graduate. The program content includes 18 credit hours of core courses addressing professionalism in an autonomous profession, evidence-based practice, differential diagnostic screening, medical imaging, pharmacology, clinical decision-making using the patient client management model, and leadership and management in healthcare. The core courses are designed to be completed in three consecutive semesters and are followed by twelve credit hours of individualized elective coursework. Faculty guided instruction helps focus interactive on-line discussions to create opportunities for rich learning dialogue among course participants.

A maximum of fifteen students are admitted to the program as a cohort during the Fall and Spring semesters of each academic year. Applications are currently being reviewed for admission to the Fall, 2011 cohort which will begin classes on August 22, 2011.

Deadline for submission of applications for the Fall, 2011 cohort is July 15, 2011.

More information about the tDPT program at UTC may be found at the following web address: <http://www.utc.edu/tdpt>

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