

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED GERIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

Both novice and intermediate physical therapists working primarily with older adults and who are interested in lifelong learning can benefit from this certificate program, in which the student may choose any 12-credit-hours of coursework. This Certificate will allow physical therapists to earn a recognized academic certificate that can be applied as evidence of continued competence for licensure (CCU) renewal (see Texas Physical Therapy Association (<http://www.tpta.org>)) and/or an advanced degree. In addition, these courses are open to post professional students in occupational therapy with permission from their advisor.

The purposes of this Post-baccalaureate (Post-Professional) Certificate (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/post-professional-certificate-programs>) are to (a) advance and validate the educational and clinical foundation of physical therapists choosing to practice primarily with older adults, (b) provide a means through formal higher education to address self-identified weaknesses in specialized knowledge and/or skills, and (c) assist prospective students to move from novice or intermediate practice in geriatric physical therapy toward expert and/or specialist practice.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Certificate in Advanced Geriatric Physical Therapy must:

- Hold at least an earned bachelor's degree or equivalent from a U.S. college or university accredited by a regional or general accrediting agency, or an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university. The bachelor's degree must be substantially equivalent to a bachelor's degree granted by TWU.
- Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate study and a minimum 3.0 GPA for all prior graduate work.
- Present an official transcript from each university or college attended with degree earned indicated on the transcript.

Standardized examinations such as the GRE are **not** required. However, the applicant has the option of submitting scores voluntarily.

Graduates from foreign universities should see International Admissions (<http://www.twu.edu/admissions/international>) for more information.

General Requirements

A Certificate from TWU School of Physical Therapy implies mastery of the knowledge and skills in the certificate area. Therefore, in addition to the Graduate School requirement that students who enroll in graduate courses must maintain a 3.0 GPA on all graduate-level courses taken at TWU, only one course where a C was earned will be applied toward the Certificate in Advanced Geriatric Physical Therapy. All of the courses are non-sequential with no required courses. Course selection is based on self-assessment of advanced clinical competencies in consultation with the Coordinator of Post Professional Studies, Dallas, who is Board Certified in Geriatric Physical Therapy.

Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Advanced Geriatric Physical Therapy Program of Study (12 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	SCHs
Select 12 semester credit hours from the following:		
PT 6203	Orthopedic Evaluation and Treatment of the Geriatric Client	12
PT 6483	Principles of Geriatric in Physical Therapy I	
PT 6453	Principles Geriatric Physical Therapy II	
PT 6333	Health Care Delivery Systems	
PT 6513	Topics in Evidence-Based Practice	
PT 6123	Physical Therapy Patient/Client Management	
PT 6403	Neuromuscular Integration and Applications	
PT 6413	Cardiopulmonary Integration and Application	
Total SCHs		12