

# POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN WOMEN'S HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY

Both novice and intermediate physical therapists working primarily with women 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.

The purposes of this Post-Baccalaureate (Post-Professional) Certificate (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/post-professional-certificate-programs>) (<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 women, (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 women's health physical therapy toward expert and/or specialist practice. In addition, 4 of the 8 possible courses form the didactic component of the Baylor-TWU Women's Health Physical Therapy Residency, an APTA accredited residency program.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Certificate in Advanced Women's Health 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.
- Hold a current license to practice physical therapy.

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 Office of International Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/international-students>) for more information.

Applicants for the Baylor Scott & White Institute for Rehabilitation and Texas Woman's University Women's Health Residency (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/residency-programs/womens-health-residency--dallasplano>) must first

- Contact Valerie L Bobb, PT,DPT, WCS, ATC - Director of the BSWIR-TWU WH residency program
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## Course 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 of Advanced Studies in Women's Health Physical Therapy. Course selection is based on self-assessment of advanced clinical competencies in consultation with the Coordinator of Post Professional Studies, Dallas.

## Post-baccalaureate Certificate of Advanced Studies in Women's Health Physical Therapy Program of Study (12 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Select 12 semester credit hours from the following:</b>		<b>12</b>
PT 6603	Female Anatomy for Physical Therapists	
PT 6613	Women's Health for Physical Therapists	
PT 6623	Physical Therapy Management of Women's Health I	
PT 6633	Physical Therapy Management of Women's Health II	
PT 6513	Topics in Evidence-Based Practice	
PT 6103	Advanced Practicum in Physical Therapy	
PT 6913	Independent Study	
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>12</b>