

# SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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## Graduate Degrees Offered

- D.P.T. in Physical Therapy - Professional (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/physical-therapy-professional-dpt/>)
- Ph.D. in Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/physical-therapy-phd/>)
- PB Certificate of Advanced Studies in Women's Health Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/post-baccalaureate-certificate-advanced-studies-womens-health-physical-therapy/>)

The School of Physical Therapy offers coursework leading to two separate graduate degrees. The professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/doctor-of-physical-therapy-dpt/>) (D.P.T) degree is designed for students who wish to enter the professional field of physical therapy and who hold baccalaureate degrees in other areas. The Doctor of Philosophy (<https://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/graduate-programs/doctor-of-philosophy-in-physical-therapy-phd/>) (Ph.D.) degree is offered to encourage individuals with a professional degree in physical therapy to prepare for future education or research careers.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree curriculum for students who wish to enter the field of physical therapy and who hold baccalaureate degrees in other areas is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (<http://www.capteonline.org/home.aspx>). This program requires a minimum of 33 months of study and provides the basic preparation required for national licensure examination. Students are in class full-time year-round. The program begins each fall semester at Texas Woman's University's Houston Institute for Health Sciences (<https://www.twu.edu/houston/>), and T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences at the Dallas Center (<https://www.twu.edu/dallas/>).

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in physical therapy at Texas Woman's University produces graduates who can become leaders in the field of physical therapy and who are well-prepared to pursue careers in education and research in physical therapy. The curriculum for the Ph.D. provides an environment in which the student analyzes available scientific literature and methodology relevant to solving clinical problems and information in order to conduct productive research. Objectives of the Ph.D. program are:

1. to increase professional knowledge and skills relevant to physical therapy practice;
2. to expand the breadth and depth of the student's knowledge through further study in related and interdisciplinary fields; and
3. to provide the student with the tools needed to analyze, synthesize, and critically examine theory and research in the context of a substantial research area.

The Ph.D. program is offered via online and on-campus learning experiences in Dallas and Houston.

## Certificates

A Graduate Certificate is available in the Women's Health Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/physical-therapy/post-baccalaureate-certificate-advanced-studies-womens-health-physical-therapy/>) area of practice. The certificate consists of 12 graduate semester credit hours, which can be included as part of the post-professional Doctor of Philosophy degree upon admission as a degree-seeking student.