Physical Therapy (Professional Program: DPT)

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The College of Applied Health Sciences offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. The DPT is the entry-level degree for individuals who wish to become physical therapists. At the University of Illinois Chicago, students complete eight terms (33 months) of didactic and clinical education that includes lecture and laboratory courses, seminars, and clinical internships.

UIC DPT graduates are ahead of the curve: The overall licensure exam pass rates have been 100% for the last three years. The job market is strong. All graduates responding to a survey one year after graduation report they are working as physical therapists in diverse clinical settings within six months of graduation.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at the University of Illinois Chicago is accredited by:
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1488
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Email: accreditation@apta.org
Website: http://www.capteonline.org

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program was first accredited in 1973, and was most recently reaccredited for an additional 10 years, in November 2017.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program offers students the following:

- a student and faculty community dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- an academic program highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report, 6th among public universities
- nationally and internationally known faculty teach in all major physical therapy specialties with research labs on site
- unique U.S. and international clinical experiences with diverse patient populations
- strong ties to the Illinois Medical District including clinical experiences at our dedicated faculty practice and the UIC Hospital and clinics
- availability of three certificate programs as well as elective courses in geriatrics, pelvic health, neuroplasticity, sports physical therapy and pediatrics
- located in the heart of beautiful Chicago

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UIC is considered a professional clinical doctorate degree program, not a graduate program. Applications for this program should be submitted through the Physical Therapist Central Application Service (PTCAS). The applications are then forwarded to and processed by the Department of Physical Therapy. For additional information on the DPT program, admission requirements, and the application process, please consult the Department of Physical Therapy website.

Interdepartmental Concentrations
Students earning a Doctor of Physical Therapy may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Black Studies