

Department of Physical Therapy

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The Department of Physical Therapy is a graduate department offering a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). For more information, contact the Department of Physical Therapy or visit <http://www.health.txstate.edu/pt>. While the Department offers no undergraduate degree, it does provide advisement to students interested in pursuing a graduate degree in Physical Therapy.

The requirements for admission include: 1) completion of a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours of course work completed for that degree; 2) minimum 3.00 GPA in all science courses; 3) preferred minimum GRE of 1000; 4) completion of all prerequisite courses, including general psychology, abnormal or developmental psychology, statistics, medical terminology, human physiology and anatomy or human structure and function, vertebrate physiology or physiology of exercise, general chemistry I and II, and general physics I and II.

Courses in Physical Therapy (PT)

- 3400 Human Structure and Function. (2-6) A study of the structure and function of the human body with emphasis on the skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. Course focuses on anatomy and physiology of body systems of special interest to students preparing to be health professionals. Laboratory study of the human cadaver is included.
- 3610 Gross Anatomy. (3-9) Structural and functional aspects of regions of body study emphasized by means of dissection of human cadavers, lectures and demonstrations. Clinical significance of anatomical structures stressed.

- 4271 Clinical Management Practicum. (0-6) Apply leadership and management skills in a variety of nursing care situations. Nursing unit leadership, staff assignments based on assessment of client needs, resources, priorities, and competencies of staff. Oversee and evaluate evidence-based nursing care provided. Co-requisite: NURS 4371.
- 4280 Community Health Nursing Practicum. (0-6) Health assessment and planning for diverse community groups including education, support groups/resources, advocacy, response to situational crises, bio-terrorism and environmental emergencies, group dynamics and impact on communities. Experiences in community or public health settings, community health centers, local health departments and community service organizations. Co-requisite: NURS 4380.
- 4301 Nursing Profession II. (3-0) Roles and competencies of nurses in the healthcare system. Professional organizations impacting public perceptions and policy. Quality initiatives to promote safe healthcare services, workplace safety, scope of services, staffing and ergonomics. Nursing self-governance and control of nursing practice and care environment. Prerequisite: NURS 3300.
- 4311 Nursing Care in Complex Health Environments. (3-0) Concepts related to complex alterations in health status and compensation. Use of therapeutic communication and education with diverse individuals and groups. Interventions to include use of complementary and alternative modalities. Co-requisite: NURS 4211.
- 4350 Childbearing Families/Pediatrics. (3-0) Clinical skills and judgment in assisting families and individuals during childbearing and rearing, health maintenance and promotion. Apply nursing process the families with children emphasis on development, culture and family structure variances and dynamics. Validation of evidence-based practice. Co-requisite: NURS 4250.
- 4370 Leadership and Management of Nursing Care I. (3-0) Leadership theories applied to unit and middle management leadership. Personal attributes for nursing leadership in direct client care areas, including adult care, obstetrics, pediatrics, and behavioral health. Qualitative and quantitative research in relation to leadership and middle management process and outcomes.
- 4371 Leadership and Management of Nursing Care II. (3-0) Leadership and management theories, trends and issues in healthcare settings, resources, priorities, unit management, delegation and assignment of staff, evaluation of staff performance, promoting performance improvement and safety. Validation of evidence-based leadership and management process and outcomes. Prerequisite: NURS 4370. Co-requisite: NURS 4271.
- 4380 Community Health Nursing. (3-0) Nursing process and strategies for health promotion for diverse groups, critical thinking skills related to community issues, addiction and rehabilitation, epidemiology and public health. Impact of biological weapons, disasters and emergencies on communities, healthcare systems and nursing practice. Validation of evidence-based practice. Co-requisite: NURS 4280.