



Post-Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy

General Program Information

The **Post-Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PPDPT)** program is a clinical doctoral program designed for licensed physical therapists. The focus of the degree is in the area of Neuromusculoskeletal Physical Therapy. For this program, a physical therapist with a MSPT or BSPT with *over* 5 years of clinical experience must complete 30 credit hours. For a BSPT with *less than* 5 years of clinical experience, two additional Clinical Focus courses are required for a total of 36 credit hours.

Program of Study:

a) Core Requirements (12 credit hours)

- 1) PT 687 - Prof. Development Seminar (3 hrs)
- 2) PT 680 - Differential Diagnosis (3 hrs)*
- 3) PT 698 - Evidence-Based Practice (2 hrs)*
- 4) PT 670 - Health Care Systems (2 hrs)*
- 5) PT 672 - Health Care Economics (2 hrs)*

**CD-based course. A computer running the windows operating system is required. The completion of an on-line examination is also required to successfully pass the course.*

b) Clinical Focus (12 credit hours)

- 1) PT 720 - Interventions in Musculoskeletal Therapeutics (1–9 hrs)
- 2) PT 735 - Interventions in Neuromuscular Therapeutics (1–9 hrs)

c) Practice Analysis Research Project (6 credit hours)

- 1) PT 685 (3 hrs)
- 2) PT 697 (3 hrs)

NOTE: The Professional Development Seminar is only offered *annually* in the early part of the FALL semester

The Practice Analysis Research Project:

The Practice Analysis Research Project serves as one of the primary outcome components of the PPDPT degree. The Practice Analysis Research Project is a major point of discussion and is ultimately agreed upon during the Professional Development Seminar. The Practice Analysis Research Project can take on many different forms including, but not limited to:

- Development of a clinical pathway or treatment protocol for a specific patient population.
- Analysis of multiple case studies seen within your clinical practice setting.
- Development of an assessment or outcome instrument that is relevant to your area of practice.
- A teaching practicum in a specific area related to physical therapy.
- Involvement in clinical or scientific research under the supervision of a faculty member.

- Development of a program to provide physical therapy related services to indigent or underserved patient populations.

Course Location:

Face-to-Face PPDPT coursework will be offered primarily in Phoenix with some courses offered in Flagstaff. As noted above, all of the **Core Requirements** courses, except for the Professional Development Seminar, are CD-based to permit self-paced, independent home study. A computer running the windows operating system is required to use the CD. All CD based courses require the successful passing of an on-line, web-based examination in order to successfully pass the course.

Program Costs:

All PPDPT students pay the graduate student tuition fee set by the Arizona Board of Regents for Northern Arizona University. The graduate tuition for the 2006-2007 academic years is \$4,898 for Arizona residents and \$10,438 for Out-of-State students. In addition, students pay the following prorated administrative fee that is added to their tuition:

Students taking 9 or more credit hours:	\$2600
Students taking 6 to 9 credit hours:	\$2240
Students taking 3 to 6 credit hours:	\$1820
Students taking 1 to 3 credit hours:	\$1380

Admission into the Program:

Physical Therapists are accepted into the PPDPT program in the FALL and SPRING semesters **only**, based on qualifications and available space.

- *Individuals accepted for admission in the **FALL** semester* are required to enroll in the Professional Development Seminar and at least one (1) Core Requirement and one (1) Clinical Focus course
- *Individuals accepted for admission in the **SPRING** semester* are permitted to take up to four (4) Core Requirements and two (2) Clinical Focus courses prior to enrolling in the Professional Development Seminar
- *No* individuals will be admitted to the PPDPT program during the SUMMER semester.

DEADLINES for application to the program:

<u>Semester to Begin</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
Spring 2007 <i>only</i>	January 31, 2007
FALL	July 15
SPRING	October 15

Application to the Program:

Physical therapists considering applying to the PPDPT program should submit the following materials to the Director of the PPDPT program at least two (2) months prior to the deadlines listed below for admission to the program:

1. Letter of interest in the PPDPT program.
2. Detailed curriculum vitae submitted **using the following format**. *Please note that curriculum vitae that are submitted which do not follow the format requested will be returned to the applicant without being reviewed.*
 - a. Personal Information
 - i. Name
 - ii. Contact address
 - iii. Contact phone number
 - iv. E-mail address
 - v. Physical therapy license number and state(s) of licensure
 - b. Education
 - i. Provide only college/university and post-university coursework that has lead to an earned degree. Note the date in which each degree was earned.
 - c. Work Experience
 - i. List the name of each facility, including city, state, and dates, in which you practiced physical therapy. Also indicate for each facility, your primary area of physical therapy practice (i.e.; orthopaedics, neurological, etc.).
 - d. Membership in Professional Associations
 - i. List each professional association in which you are a member as well as dates of membership.
 - ii. Please note any unique position or role you have had within that professional association.
 - e. Professional Presentations
 - i. Limit your list to the last 10 years only.
 - ii. Include only those presentations that were presented at statewide, national, or international physical therapy or medical professional meetings, or for those meetings in which continuing education units were awarded as a result of your presentation.
 - iii. Provide the dates and titles of those presentations listed.
 - f. Publications
 - i. List all professional publications or books that you have had accepted for publication.
 - g. Continuing Education/Professional Development Activities
 - i. Limit your list to the last 5 years only.
 - ii. Provide the title, date, and location for each activity listed.
3. One page description of your proposed **Practice Analysis Research Project**

SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Professor Thomas McPoil
Program in Physical Therapy
Northern Arizona University
PO Box 15105
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

*If you are selected for admission in the PPDPT program, you will be notified and provided instructions for completing the Graduate College on-line application process. **Please note:** there is a \$50 Graduate College application fee.*

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