

Des Moines University

Disclosure Regarding Academic Curriculum Requirements for Licensure

Doctor of Physician Therapy (DPT)

Physical Therapy is a licensed profession in all 50 states. To become licensed to practice as a Doctor of Physical Therapy in all states, a student must graduate from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. DMU's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program is accredited by CAPTE. The curriculum is designed to meet educational requirements to apply for DPT licensure in every state and graduates are eligible to take the NPTE, the examination that every graduate must pass to become a licensed Doctor of Physical Therapy in the US.

State requirements for licensure are subject to change. These statements and program completion do not guarantee licensure. DMU cannot provide verification of an individual's ability to meet licensure requirements unrelated to its educational program. Students are encouraged to review licensure requirements - including non-educational requirements such as certification/examination work experience, background checks, etc. - for the states in which they intend to seek licensure. To find additional detail on state requirements, see the state-specific licensure information and contacts provided by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy:

<https://www.fspt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information>

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State	Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?		State Professional Association or License Authority	Website
	Yes	No		
1 Alabama	X		Alabama Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.pt.alabama.gov/
2 Alaska	X		Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing: The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx
3 Arizona	X		Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy	https://ptboard.az.gov/resources/statutes-rules
4 Arkansas	X		Arkansas Department of Health Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/ https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-physical-therapy
5 California	X		Department of Consumer Affairs Physical Therapy Board of California	https://www.dca.ca.gov/ https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/index.shtml
6 Colorado	X		Department of Regulatory Agencies Division of Professions & Occupations: Colorado State Physical Therapy Board	https://dora.colorado.gov/ https://dpo.colorado.gov/PhysicalTherapy https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJzBzWgxLW9sYWRwbEE/view?resourcekey=0-hPQ_8xsw2m2HQ6bKe7hDZQ
7 Connecticut	X		Department of Public Health Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification	https://portal.ct.gov/DPH https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physicaltherapist/Physical-Therapist-Licensure
8 Delaware	X		Division of Professional Regulation Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers	https://dpr.delaware.gov/ https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/physicaltherapy/
9 District of Columbia	X		D.C. Board of Physical Therapy	https://dchealth.dc.gov/
10 Florida	X		Florida Department of Health Florida Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.floridahealth.gov/ https://floridaphysicaltherapy.gov/
11 Georgia	X		Georgia Board of Physical Therapy	https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-physical-therapy
12 Hawaii	X		Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Board of Physical Therapy	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/physicaltherapy/
13 Idaho	X		Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Physical Therapy Licensure Board	https://apps.dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PHT
14 Illinois	X		Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/pt.asp
15 Indiana	X		Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Physical Therapy Board	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physical-therapy-home/
16 Iowa	X		Iowa Department of Public Health Board of Physical & Occupational Therapy	https://idph.iowa.gov/ https://idph.iowa.gov/Iowa-Board-of-Physical-and-Occupational-Therapy
17 Kansas	X		Kansas Board of Healing Arts	http://www.ksbha.org/professions/PT.shtml
18 Kentucky	X		Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy	https://pt.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
19 Louisiana	X		Louisiana Physical Therapy Board	https://www.laptboard.org/
20 Maine	X		Professional and Financial Regulation Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-physical-therapy
21 Maryland	X		Maryland Department of Health Board of Physical Therapy Examiners	https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/index.aspx
22 Massachusetts	X		Board of Allied Health Professionals	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals
23 Michigan	X		Michigan Board of Physical Therapy	BPLHelp@michigan.gov
24 Minnesota	X		Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy	physical.therapy@state.mn.us
25 Mississippi	X		Mississippi State Board of PT	sboyette@msbpt.ms.gov
26 Missouri	X		Advisory Commission for Professional PTs and PTAs	healingarts@pr.mo.gov
27 Montana	X		Board of Physical Therapy	dlibsdpt@mt.gov
28 Nebraska	X		Board of Physical Therapy	dhhs.rehaboffice@nebraska.gov
29 Nevada	X		Nevada Physical Therapy Board	pted@govmail.state.nv.us
30 New Hampshire	X		New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification Physical Therapy Governing Board	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/ https://www.oplc.nh.gov/physical-therapy-governing-board
31 New Jersey	X		New Jersey State Board of PT Examiners	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pt/
32 New Mexico	X		New Mexico Physical Therapy Board	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/physical-therapy/
33 New York	X		Physical Therapy, Podiatry & Ophthalmic Dispensing	https://www.op.nysed.gov/boards/state-boards-professions
34 North Carolina	X		North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.ncptboard.org/
35 North Dakota	X		North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.ndbpt.org/
36 Ohio	X		Ohio Occupational Therapy, PT & Athletic Trainers Board	https://otptat.ohio.gov/
37 Oklahoma	X		Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical_therapists
38 Oregon	X		Oregon Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.oregon.gov/pt/Pages/default.aspx
39 Pennsylvania	X		Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/PhysicalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx#.Vv
40 Rhode Island	X		Rhode Island Dept. of Health	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=236#three
41 South Carolina	X		South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy	https://lir.sc.gov/pt/ https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c045.php
42 South Dakota	X		SD State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners	https://www.sdbmoe.gov/professions-physical-therapist-pt/ https://sdslegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2059923
43 Tennessee	X		TN Board of Physical Therapy	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pt-board.html https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1150/1150-01.20180709.pdf
44 Texas	X		Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners	https://ptot.texas.gov/ https://ptot.texas.gov/act-and-rules/ https://ptot.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PT-Practice-Act-2021.pdf
45 Utah	X		Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	https://dopl.utah.gov/pt/ https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter24B/C58-24b_1800010118000101.pdf
46 Vermont	X		Physical Therapy Advisors	https://sos.vermont.gov/physical-therapists/ https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/038
47 Virginia	X		Virginia Board of Physical Therapy	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/physicaltherapy/ http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/physicaltherapy/physsther_laws_regs.htm
48 Washington	X		Washington Board of Physical Therapy	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/physical-therapist-and-physical-therapist-assistant https://apps.leg.wa.gov/RWCW/default.aspx?cite=18.74&full=true&pdf=true
49 West Virginia	X		West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy	https://wvbopt.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
50 Wisconsin	X		WI Department of Safety & Professional Services Physical Therapy Examining	https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/PT/Default.aspx
51 Wyoming	X		Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy	https://physicaltherapy.wyo.gov/
52 American Samoa	X		American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board	https://www.ncsbn.org/bon-member-details/AmericanSamoa

53	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	X		Puerto Rico Office of Regulation and Certification of Health Professionals Physical Therapy Board of Examiners	https://orcps.salud.pr.gov/
54	Guam	X		Department Of Public Health And Social Services (DPHSS) Health Professional Licensing Office - Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	https://guamhplc.org/
55	US Virgin Islands	X		US Virgin Islands Department of Health VI Board of PT Examiners PT Practice Act	https://doh.vi.gov/ https://www.fsbpt.org/Portals/0/documents/VI_PTLaw2015.pdf
56	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	X		Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) Licensing Board Regulations	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/about/ https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Part-3800-Physical-Therapist-Physical-Therapy-Assistant-Occupational-Therapist-Occupational-Therapy-Assistant.pdf
57	Republic of the Marshall Islands		X	Marshall Islands Board of Health Professions	
58	Federal States of Micronesia		X	Department of Health and Social Affairs	
59	Republic of Palau		X	Ministry of Helath & Human Services	