

2. Maintaining a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA in M.P.T. degree requirements
3. Achieving a minimum grade of *C* (or *CR*) in each PHTH course.*
4. Enrolling in and completing all required courses in sequence.

Students must carry malpractice insurance, must purchase an appropriate laboratory coat, and must provide their own transportation to hospitals and clinics for off-campus classes and clinical laboratories. Additional laboratory fees may be required. Students must also provide for all expenses while taking the post-graduate clinical internship. Expenses include student fees, housing, meals, and travel.

* Any student receiving a grade less than *C* will not be able to continue in the program, regardless of semester or overall GPA. Please note that grade substitution is not permitted at the graduate level. A student must receive a grade of *CR* in all clinical education courses (PHTH 254-257; PHTH 275). A student receiving a grade of less than a *C* or *NC* in a PHTH course will have one opportunity to repeat the course. A second grade of less than a *C* or *NC* in a repeated PHTH course will result in disqualification from the program.

Requirements for the Master of Physical Therapy

Units

Core Requirements	62
(see <i>Advising Note 1</i>)	
PHTH 207, 208, 209, 217, 218, 219, 226, 227, 228, 229, 236, 237, 238, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 291	
Electives	6
Comprehensive Examination.....	0
PHTH 240-249, 288T, 290	
OR	
Project.....	6
PHTH 298 (see <i>Advising Note 2</i>)	
Comprehensive Examination	0
Total	68

Postgraduate Internship

Certification requirements	12
PHTH 275 (see <i>Advising Note 3</i>)	

Advising Notes

1. PHTH 256 and 257 clinical experiences and PHTH 275 postgraduate internship are conducted in a variety of clinical facilities through out the state. Students must provide for all expenses including housing, meals, and travel. These are offered *CR/NC* only.

2. PHTH 298 has limited enrollment and therefore the student must go through a selection process to receive permission to enroll.
3. PHTH 275 must be completed to be eligible to take the state examination for licensure.

Advancement to Candidacy Requirements.

Students usually advance to candidacy following the completion of two full-time semesters of graduate coursework in the Master of Physical Therapy program. Prior to advancement to candidacy, students must have the following:

1. Classified graduate student standing.
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (overall, program, and California State University, Fresno) on all coursework completed after the date of the first course to be included in the master's degree program, with no grade below *C*.
3. Demonstrated required competency in clinical coursework (PHTH 254-257) with grade of *CR* or a letter grade of *B* or better.
4. Demonstrated graduate level writing proficiency (assessment of a portfolio of writings is used). This requirement must be met within one semester of classified graduate standing. Contact the Department of Physical Therapy for detailed requirements.
5. Approval from the faculty to take the department's comprehensive written examination with an oral defense.

A culminating experience is required of all Fresno State master's degree candidates. Students in physical therapy satisfy the requirement through a comprehensive written examination with an oral defense. The graduate project is limited to 10 students and therefore each student must go through a selection process to get permission to enroll in PHTH 298.

Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT)

The Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) is the new educational standard for the field. At Fresno State, the DPT is a joint program with the University of California, San Francisco and is designed to expand the foundation of knowledge developed in the Master's of Physical Therapy Program and better prepare graduates to function autonomously in current and future healthcare environments. This final year of learning is dynamic and interactive with a

strong evidence-based approach. Learning activities are centered on active student involvement through seminars, case studies, clinical investigations, grand rounds, and patient care.

Admissions to the post-professional joint DPT Graduate Program. Students who successfully completed the MPT (final GPA of 3.0 or better, passed the culmination for the MPT, satisfactory completion of all clinical clerkships including PHTH 275, and demonstrated acceptable record of professional behavior) are automatically eligible for the DPT year of study. Students must submit a graduate application to UCSF for fall admission (check UCSF catalog for deadlines).

The DPT year is an additional 9 months of advanced study (34 semester units).

The joint DPT year is offered as a self-support year and therefore, additional fees apply. Please contact the physical therapy program office for updated information.

Culminating Experience for the DPT. Students research and write an in-depth patient case report and an evidence based review of a clinical problem following the criteria established in PHTH 295/296 and PHTH 209/297 courses. The manuscripts must be prepared in a journal-ready format as well as presented orally to an audience of faculty and peers.

Students are now being admitted to the DPT program. For more information, please see the department office.

COURSES

Physical Therapy (PHTH)

PHTH 102. Rehabilitation Professions (3)

(Same as COUN 102.) Overview of various rehabilitation professions, the development of an interdisciplinary rehabilitation service, and principles and philosophies of rehabilitation. Responsibilities, educational requirements, practice parameters, and job locations of rehabilitation professionals. Taught in the classroom in the fall semester and online in the spring semester. FS

PHTH 105. Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (3)

Study of word parts, definitions, spelling, analysis, synthesis, and use of medical vocabulary. This course is taught in classroom sections or may be taken entirely online. FS