

Physical Therapy

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About The Department

The Department of Physical Therapy is part of the School of Health Sciences, which in turn is part of the College of Health and Urban Affairs.

The mission of the Physical Therapy Department is to meet the physical therapy needs of the local, state, national, and international community by:

- providing master's level and post-physical therapy education,
- advancing the knowledge base of physical therapy,
- developing innovative model physical therapy service programs, and,
- providing ethnically diverse physical therapy practitioners poised to help eliminate health disparities by providing culturally competent health care.

Our entry-level curriculum is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), and has been since its inception in 1975, allowing graduates of the program to apply for licensure as Physical Therapists throughout the United States. **CAPTE no longer accredits Bachelor's Degree programs, and as a result, the Department no longer offers a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy.**

Students interested in Physical Therapy as a career should consider the Bachelor of Science-Health Sciences, which has a Physical Therapy Track (BSHS PrePT). This program is open to any fully admitted undergraduate student at FIU. No application to the physical therapy department is necessary. However, completion of the program guarantees acceptance into the graduate, entry-level (Professional Preparation) program in Physical Therapy (BSHS PrePT Track) if the applicant graduates the BSHS Pre PT program with a 3.25 GPA.

Please refer to the School of Health Sciences section of the catalog for further information.