Our program

One of the top-ranked public programs in the nation, the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is offered jointly by the University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco State University.

The program prepares exceptional clinicians and leaders in clinical practice, education and research.

We are committed to:

- Scholarly, life-long learning
- Sensitivity to patients, students, faculty and other members of the health care team
- Logical thinking and scientific inquiry
- Building and applying research evidence in practice
- High quality, patient-centered care

Application requirements include:

- Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service Application (www.ptcas.org)
- Supplemental Application (https://gradapplication.ucsf.edu)
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Minimum GPA Requirements
- Clinical Observation Hours
- Letters of Recommendation
- GRE General Test Scores
- Prerequisite Coursework

For full details on our admissions requirements, check our website at http://ptrehab.ucsf.edu.

What makes us unique?

- Our DPT Program is an equal partnership between two well-respected universities: University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco State University.
- Classes are taught at both universities, each with state-of-the-art space and resources.
- You’ll participate in interprofessional educational activities with students in dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy.
- You’ll learn from faculty and staff physical therapists who provide care within a variety of inpatient and outpatient clinical practices.
- Our program has a 100% licensure exam pass rate.

Our faculty

Our faculty includes a blend of academics with strong coverage of the core content in physical therapy. We conduct cutting-edge research, and many faculty members are board certified specialists who maintain active clinical practice. The core faculty-to-student ratio is 1-to-11.

Clinical education

Our program offers three full-time clinical education experiences totaling 34 weeks. All students complete at least one full-time experience in an inpatient setting and one in outpatient.

Year 1: Four integrated days of clinical experiences and Mobility Is Medicine inpatient experience

Year 2: One 10-week and one 12-week full-time experience

Year 3: One 12-week experience

For more information:

http://ptrehab.ucsf.edu/ ucsfsfsu-doctor-physical-therapy-dpt
Program Overview

The Doctor of Physical Therapy is a joint degree offered by UCSF and SF State. The DPT is a 36-month continuous program designed to matriculate clinicians in the practice of physical therapy, with a combination of didactic and clinical skills-based coursework and clinical experiences spaced throughout the three years of the program. The program admits 50 students per year into a cohort model-based program. The curriculum is designed to prepare collaborative and expert clinicians who will advance the quality of health care through a currency in the relevant literature and a commitment to evidence-based practice. The program boasts extremely high licensure exam pass, employment and graduation rates.

Financial Aid & Support

- Tuition and fees information can be found on our website: http://ptrehab.ucsf.edu.
- More information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines may be found on the UCSF Student Financial Aid website: http://finaid.ucsf.edu/.

Accreditation

The UCSF/SFSU DPT Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program has maintained continuous accreditation status since the inception of its certificate program in 1942.