

Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

On Demand Information Session



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BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES FROM PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE
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MPT (PCPS '87), MS PT (PCPS '95)
PhD FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY '06

In addition to her roles as an educator and a researcher Dr. Wainwright is the Editor of *the Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. She is an active On-Site Team Leader for the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).



The mission of the Physical Therapy Department is to foster excellence in education, research, healthcare delivery, and community and professional service.

The DPT Program is a three year (10 semester) full-time program that builds on a strong basic science foundation with emphasis on evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, experiential learning, and 36 weeks of full-time clinical education.

Graduates are prepared for the physical therapy licensing exam and able to apply scientific knowledge, humanistic values, and clinical reasoning through a systematic approach to the prevention and management of musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, neuromuscular, and integumentary problems across all stages of life.

Students in Jefferson's DPT Program, have the opportunity to:

Learn through the use of medical simulation, standardized patients, and integrated experiential learning activities.

Participate in interprofessional education with students from other healthcare professions in state-of-the-art educational environments.

Promote health equity through involvement in a variety of community service activities including our pro-bono clinics.

Engage with faculty who are dedicated to facilitating your professional development.



JOB TITLE

Physical Therapist

OUTLOOK

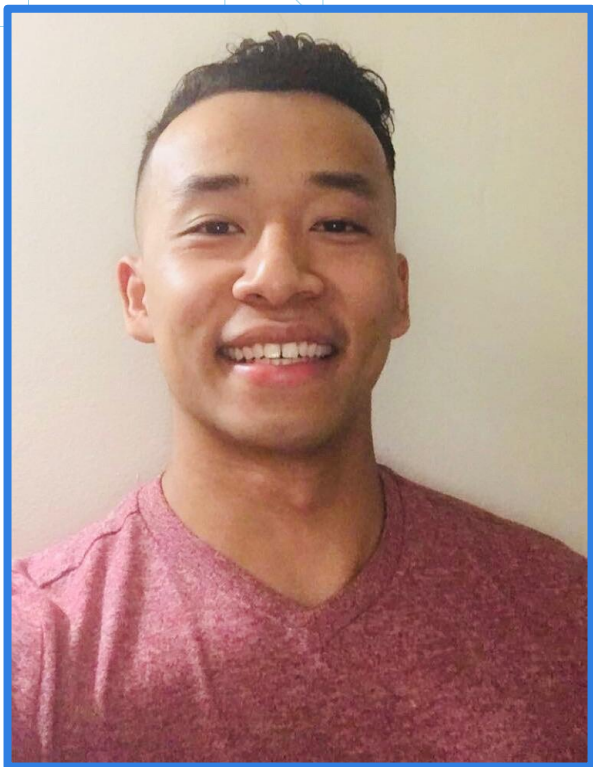
- Projected 22% job growth from 2018 to 2028
 - Well above average for all occupations
- All statistics retrieved from [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

SALARIES

MAX \$123,350
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MEDIAN \$87,930
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START \$60,390



- **American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)**
 - APTA promotes physical therapy practice, education, and research, and promoting awareness of the PT's role in health care. <http://www.apta.org/>
 - **Federation for the State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)**
 - FSBPT oversees the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) which assesses basic entry-level competence. Graduates of accredited programs must pass this exam to obtain state licensure in order to practice physical therapy. <https://www.fsbpt.org/>
 - **Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)**
 - CAPTE ensures the delivery of quality entry-level education programs through a rigorous accreditation process. Students must graduate from an accredited PT program to qualify to take the NPTE. <http://www.capteonline.org/>
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Marlton, NJ
CLASS OF 2022

Although I applied to a handful of graduate schools, Jefferson was my top choice. With Jefferson having a well-known health professional reputation, the kind and caring PT faculty, integrated clinical experience in the 1st year of the PT program, and being close to home, I knew I wanted my journey of becoming a physical therapist to start here.

“From my professors treating me like a colleague to engaging in the community through events like PT Moves Philly, I can honestly say choosing Jefferson has been one of the best decisions - if not the best decision that I have made for my future. ”

While there are excellent graduate programs that are competitive with Jefferson, the atmosphere of being surrounded by various health professional students everywhere, faculty who always have your best interest in mind, and being in the heart of Philadelphia made my decision to come here an easy one.



“We figured this would be a great opportunity,” Muth says of the partnership with Easterseals and Comcast. “They have the kids who need cars, and we have the know-how and interdisciplinary team. It’s an awesome project, and you get to see students work together for a great cause. It’s my mission as a PT and a mom to optimize kids’ experiences in this world. This project just ticks so many boxes.”

Dr. Stephanie Muth

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

BS IN BIOLOGY FROM ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE
MS PT FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
PhD FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Muth is an educator and a researcher, studying gait and biomechanics in individuals with multiple sclerosis. Her excellence as an educator was recognized with the 2020 JCRS Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Muth blends clinical expertise and commitment to community engagement in pro bono activities at Puente de Salud and with the interprofessional “Go Baby Go” program.

COURSES

- PT 506 - BIOMECHANICS & KINESIOLOGY
- PT 507 - HUMAN ANATOMY
- PT 533 - PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINATION
- PT 534 - PT ISSUES I - LANGUAGE OF PRACTICE



Kevin Shaddock

Neuro Physical Therapist, Good Shepherd Penn Partners,
Dan Aaron Parkinson's Rehab Clinic
Hometown: Malvern, PA
Current: PHILADELPHIA, PA
CLASS OF 2018

My decision to attend Jefferson was due to the diversity in organizations Jefferson offered. Jefferson also took pride in interdisciplinary education which was important to me. During my time at Jefferson I took advantage of opportunities to be a part of PT society, Refugee Health Partners, and the Jefferson Pro Bono Clinic. Furthermore, I was highly encouraged and supported to pursue my passion for Geriatric PT which has lead to my current position.

"My first year, a simple step to volunteer for Refugee Health Partners through Jefferson lead me to a program working with older adults. While working with the program I developed my passion for geriatric physical therapy and my career direction. My point is take the first step and get involved."

GRADUATION RATE*

93%

EMPLOYMENT RATE*

100%

RANKINGS

#49 Best Physical Therapy
Programs- U.S. News and
World Report



LICENSE EXAM PASS RATE**

100%

EMPLOYERS OF JEFFERSON GRADUATES

- Jefferson Health System
- Excel Physical Therapy
- Good Shepard Penn Partners
- Ivy Rehabilitation
- Moss Rehabilitation



Admissions Requirement Checklist

- Bachelor's Degree
- Minimum 3.0 Cumulative and Science Prerequisite GPA
- Minimum of 50 observations hours in at least one PT setting
 - Recommend one inpatient and one outpatient experience
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 - One from a licensed Physical Therapist
 - One from a professional or academic source

Admissions- Prerequisites


- Science Prerequisites (Grade of 'C' or better and at least four semester credits required)
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab*
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab*
 - Biology I w/ lab
 - Biology II w/ lab
 - Chemistry I w/ lab
 - Chemistry II w/ lab
 - Physics I w/ lab
 - Physics II w/ lab
- Non-Science Prerequisites (Grade of 'C' or better required and at least three semester credits required)
 - Psychology**
 - Statistics***
 - English/College Writing

*Separate Anatomy and Physiology courses also accepted. Must be completed within the past 5 years.


**Any 3 credit Psychology course accepted

***Any 3 credit Statistics course accepted

Admissions Tips

- Rolling Admissions- Apply early!
 - Academic Foundation
 - Interest in, and Knowledge of, the Physical Therapy Profession
 - Experiences, Activities, Skills, Leadership, and Service
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Tuition/Scholarships

- Tuition is \$36,746 for the 2020-2021 matriculating class
 - Additional \$1,567 in fees
 - Dean's Scholarship
 - Students are reviewed at time of admissions decision with no supplemental application required
 - Limited in number
 - Scholarships are renewable each year provided students remain in good academic standing with the college
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