



## **DPT** **Doctor of Physical Therapy**

Physical therapists play an important role in helping people regain and maintain their mobility. They can work with a variety of patients, from athletes to accident victims, tailoring treatment and exercises to help improve their quality of life. West Coast University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program can help open the door to this rewarding career field through hands-on experiential learning.



## Mission Statement

At West Coast University, we embrace a student-centric learning partnership that leads to professional success. We deliver transformational education within a culture of integrity and personal accountability. We design market-responsive programs through collaboration between faculty and industry professionals. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students develop the competencies and confidence required in a complex and changing world.



## Values

### A Student-Centric Culture

We believe it is our institutional responsibility to identify, understand, and respond to student needs.

### The Communities We Serve

We take our responsibility to make a positive impact on the communities that surround us very seriously.

### Innovation and Creativity

We are committed to bringing innovation and creativity to the development and delivery of instruction including offering a blend of courses in-person and online.



## Accreditations

Accreditation provides an objective, third-party endorsement to students and their parents of an institution's commitment to deliver a quality education.

West Coast University is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)<sup>1</sup> and holds programmatic accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),<sup>2</sup> among others.

For a full list of our accreditors visit:

[westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation](http://westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation)



## Why Choose WCU?

At West Coast University, every part of our program is designed with student success in mind. Our faculty collaborate with industry professionals to create market-responsive programs that help give you industry-current preparation. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students can develop the competencies and confidence required in the evolving healthcare field.



## The West Coast University Difference

West Coast University works diligently to stay at the forefront of the healthcare industry.



### Interprofessional Education

Learn alongside students in different healthcare disciplines to develop the collaborative skills needed in today's healthcare environment.



### Technologically Advanced

Our simulation centers immerse students in dynamic simulated healthcare scenarios to help them develop both skills and confidence.



### Streamlined Curriculum

You can complete our 133-credit doctorate in as little as 36 months — that's just three years!



### Diverse Skillsets

Clinical knowledge is not enough for today's physical therapists. We emphasize patient care, communication, and problem solving to create capable professionals.



### Hands-On Learning

Classroom theory comes alive with a progression of dynamic clinical experiences.



### 1,920+ Hours of Clinical Experience

Practice your skills and build confidence through clinical experiences and internships.

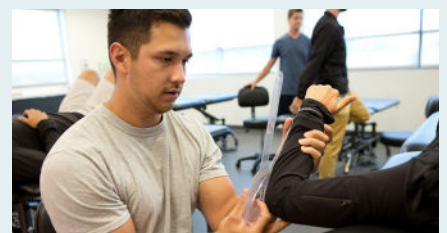
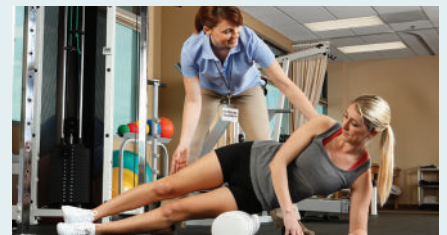
# Program Overview

West Coast University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program is designed for hands-on experiential learning.

Classroom theory comes alive with a progression of dynamic clinical experiences, starting with simulations in our technologically advanced campus. Once students have mastered their skills in the classroom, they are able to learn and gain real-life experience through our diverse range of clinical partners. Three end-of-program clinical internships help students practice their skills and develop confidence before graduating and beginning their careers.

*Being in school is your opportunity to figure out what type of therapist you want to become and offers opportunities to see what is out there through the variety of classes, volunteer opportunities and clinical rotations that WCU has to offer.<sup>3</sup>*

— Aaron H.  
DPT '17  
West Coast University Alumni



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CURRICULUM					
TRIMESTER	TERM	COURSE CODE	CR	COURSE TITLE	COURSE TYPE
1	1	PT 700	2	Physical Therapy Professionalism	Lecture
	1	PT 701	4	Foundation Sciences I: Human Anatomy	Lecture/Lab
	1	PT 704	4	Clinical Skills I: Foundations of Physical Therapy Practice	Lecture/Lab
	1	PT 731	4	Foundation Sciences IV: Physiology/Histology	Lecture
	1	PT 720	2	Foundation Sciences: Applied Biomechanics	Lecture/Lab
2	2	PT 714	3	Clinical Skills II: Physical Therapy Examination	Lecture/Lab
	2	PT 716	3	Critical Inquiry II: Biostatistics	Lecture
	2	PT 706	3	Ethicolegal Issues in Healthcare and IPE Collaboration	Lecture
	2	PT 726	4	Foundational Sciences: Kinesiology/Pathomechanics	Lecture/Lab
	2	PT 751	3	Foundation Sciences V: Pathophysiology	Lecture
3	3	PT 724	4	Clinical Skills III: Therapeutic Exercise and Physical Agents	Lecture/Lab
	3	PT 725	2	Evidence-Based Practice I	Lecture
	3	PT 707	5	Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I	Lecture/Lab
	3	PT 708	3	Cardiopulmonary and Vascular Physical Therapy	Lecture/Lab
	3	PT 713	3	Foundation Sciences II: Neuroscience I	Lecture
4	4	PT 743	3	Foundation Sciences VI: Neuroscience II	Lecture
	4	PT 717	5	Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II	Lecture/Lab
	4	PT 712	5	Neuromuscular Physical Therapy I	Lecture/Lab
	4	PT 732	3	Pharmacotherapy	Lecture
5	5	PT 734	3	Clinical Skills IV: Physical Therapy Evaluation I: Focused Guidance	Lecture
	5	PT 722	5	Neuromuscular Physical Therapy II	Lecture/Lab
	5	PT 728	2	Evidence-based Concepts of Musculoskeletal Imaging	Lecture
	5	PT 719	5	Physical Therapy Experience	Clinical
6	6	PT 730	2	Introduction to Management, Advocacy and Health Promotion	Lecture
	6	PT 735	2	Evidence-Based Practice II	Lecture
	6	PT 740	2	Prosthetics and Orthotics	Lecture
	6	PT 744	3	Clinical Skills V: Physical Therapy Evaluation II: Independent Evaluation	Lecture/Lab
	6	PT 710	2	The Socio-Cultural Aspects of Human Interaction	Lecture
	6	PT 780	2	Elective	Lecture/Lab
7	7	PT 729	13	Clinical Internship I	Clinical
8	8	PT 739	13	Clinical Internship II	Clinical
9	9	PT 749	13	Clinical Internship III	Clinical
	9	PT 723	1	Interprofessional Healthcare	Lecture

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Link to O*Net OnLine	SOC Code
<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1123.00">www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1123.00</a>	29-1123.00
Program Costs	Estimated Total Program Cost
Program cost includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, and shipping for the entire program. Assumes full-time credit load and normal completion	\$123,077.50
CALIFORNIA — BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)	
On-time Completion Rate	90%
On-time Completion Rate — the number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 divided by the number of students who began the program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 and excludes all students who cancelled during the cancellation period, minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty.	
Job Placement Rate	78%
Placement Rate — the number of 2019 graduates gainfully employed in the field divided by the number of graduates available for employment. Graduates employed in the field means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of 35 days employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months' period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.	
<b>1</b> West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a regional accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1001 Marina Village Parkway Suite 402, Alameda, CA, 94501, 510-748-9001, <a href="http://www.wscuc.org">www.wscuc.org</a> .	
<b>2</b> Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at West Coast University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: <a href="mailto:accreditation@apta.org">accreditation@apta.org</a> ; website: <a href="http://www.capteonline.org">www.capteonline.org</a> .	
<b>3</b> The opinion is the individual's sole opinion and not necessarily representative of that of the school, any instructor or any other student.	
WCU provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment. Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.	

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