The UCSF Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is located in the School of Medicine, with graduate degrees supported by the Graduate Division. The Department clinicians provide patient care through the Outpatient Physical Therapy Faculty Practice and PhysFit Physical Therapy Health and Wellness Center. The Department also offers two graduate degrees in physical therapy in partnership with San Francisco State University (SFSU): the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the post professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Science (DPTSc). The Department also supports faculty and student research in the clinical and basic sciences.

Department Mission

The mission of the UCSF Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is to provide evidence-based, patient-centered physical therapy services for the community, and to educate scholarly, socially sensitive clinicians, educators, and researchers in physical therapy and rehabilitation science who will lead the profession into the next century. Physical therapy students and clinical faculty participate as part of a team within an environment of health care that is patient focused, and directed towards building the scientific base of clinical practice, with an eye toward quality, accessibility, and efficiency. The Department aims to provide dynamic and creative educational opportunities for entry and advanced graduate students in physical therapy and rehabilitation science, contribute to the scientific evidence in physical therapy practice, provide high quality efficient rehabilitation services to clients, and assume an
active role in the development of the physical therapy profession within the community at UCSF and SFSU, the state of California, and across the United States.