UCSF/SFSU Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Overview

The Entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree is a 3 year joint program between University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and San Francisco State University (SFSU). The program runs for 36 continuous months beginning in June and includes 34 weeks of full-time clinical experiences. This program is designed to prepare scholarly clinicians, educators, collaborative clinical researchers, administrative managers and community leaders. The program admits 50 students each year.

The curriculum is built on a strong theoretical foundation in basic, medical and applied sciences. Critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills are developed within an integrated program that prepares students to work collaboratively with patients across the lifespan to improve health and wellness, address disability challenges, and optimize function.

Graduates excel in the National Licensing Examination and are considered top applicants for positions in physical therapy practice. A complete list of the program's goals and outcomes can be found here [1].

Check out the APTA website to learn more physical therapist workforce trends [2] and about the role of a physical therapist [3] in healthcare.

Accreditation

The UCSF/SFSU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy at the University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco State University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-766-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org [4]; website: http://www.capteonline.org [5]. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 415-514-6774 or email PTadmissions@ucsf.edu [6].
The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of California, San Francisco also offers a PhD in Rehabilitation Science Program, which is not subject to accreditation by CAPTE. The Department's Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program is accredited by ABPTRFE. The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and San Francisco State University (SFSU) are both accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

DPT Program Statistics

- Average Graduation Rate for Classes of 2018 and 2019: 99%
- Average National Licensing Exam Pass Rate for Classes of 2018 and 2019:
  - First Time Pass Rate 96%
  - Ultimate Pass Rate 100%
- 12-Month Employment Rate for Class of 2018 and 2019: 92%

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UCSF

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