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Accreditation

The Program in Physical Therapy at Saint Louis University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 314-977-8505 or email sluptat@health.slu.edu.

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Vision

The Saint Louis University Program in Physical Therapy will lead the profession, serve humanity and optimize movement through transformative research, education, and clinical practice.

Mission

In the Jesuit traditions of the pursuit of truth, development of the whole person and commitment to service and justice, our transformative community of faculty, staff, and students provide reflective, person-centered care and education that is interprofessional and evidenced-based. Through scholarly and clinical endeavors, we add knowledge and insight to education and health care focused on optimizing movement.
Program Outcomes

Program Outcomes Data
The freshman entry six-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at Saint Louis University is divided into two phases. The pre-professional phase of the program starts with the freshman year and extends through the spring semester of the junior year. The professional phase of the program begins the summer following the junior year and extends through the spring of the second post-baccalaureate year.

Matriculation Rate
For the Program in Physical Therapy, the matriculation rate is defined as the percentage of students who were admitted as freshmen and then entered the professional phase of the program without interruption. (Cohorts are identified by year of DPT graduation)

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<th>Class of 2020</th>
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Graduation Rate
For the Program in Physical Therapy, the graduation rate is defined as the percentage of students who began the professional phase of the program and graduated within 150% of normal curricular time (3 years).

(Cohorts are identified by year of DPT graduation)

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Employment Rate
For the Program in Physical Therapy, the employment rate is defined as the percentage of DPT graduates responding to a survey who were employed as a physical therapist within one year of graduation.

(Cohorts are identified by year of DPT graduation)

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National Physical Therapy Examination Results

In order to obtain a license to practice physical therapy in the United States, a person must have a degree in physical therapy from an accredited physical therapist education program and must also pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Information regarding pass rates for accredited programs in the United States is available on the FSBPT website. The pass rates for graduates of the Saint Louis University Program in Physical Therapy are presented in the table below.

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<th>Graduation Year</th>
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**Student Handbooks**

All student handbooks are subject to change.

[Class of 2019-2020 Handbook](#)
[Class of 2021-2024 Handbook](#)
[Class of 2025 Handbook](#)