

**Physical Therapy**  
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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), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 314-977-8505 or email [sluptat@health.slu.edu](mailto: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.

### 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).

Average graduation rate for the DPT Graduation Years 2020 and 2021: 94.9%

### 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.

Average employment rate for the DPT Graduation Years 2019 and 2020: 100%

### National Physical Therapy Examination Results

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. These pass rates for graduates of the Saint Louis University Program in Physical Therapy are below.

Average Program Pass Rate for DPT Graduation Years 2020 and 2021		Average National Pass Rate for DPT Graduation Years 2020 and 2021	
First-time pass rate	Ultimate pass rate	First-time pass rate	Ultimate pass rate
91.8%	94.9%	90.9%	95.2%

# Student Handbooks

All student handbooks are subject to change.

[Classes of 2021 and 2022 Handbook](#)

[Classes of 2023 and 2024 Handbook](#)

[Class of 2025 Handbook](#)

[Class of 2026 Handbook](#)

[Class of 2027 Handbook](#)