### The DPT Curriculum

**Curriculum Elements**

- **Coursework in Foundation Sciences**: Neuroscience, physiology, kinesiology and anatomy
- **Coursework in Clinical Sciences**: Diagnosis and management of patient conditions
- **Professional Application Training**: Coursework and training about ethics, policies and business practices within the profession
- **Clinical Education**: Hands-on experience in a professional physical therapy clinic

### Year One

**Fall Aug-Dec**
- Neuroscience
- Kinesiology I
- Cells, Systems & Disease I
- Diagnosis & Evidence Analysis I

**Spring Jan-April**
- Human Anatomy
- Kinesiology II
- Cells, Systems & Disease II
- Diagnosis & Evidence Analysis II

**Summer May-July**
- Clinical Experience I: 8-week, full-time internship

### Year Two

**Fall Aug-Dec**
- Exercise Physiology
- • Diagnosis & Management of Neuromuscular Conditions I
- • Diagnosis & Management of Musculoskeletal Conditions II
- • Essential Clinical Skills in PT II

**Winter Jan-Feb**
- Clinical Experience II: 8-week, full-time internship

**Spring March-June**
- • Diagnosis & Management of General Medical Conditions
- • Diagnosis & Management of Neuromuscular Conditions II
- • Diagnosis & Management of Musculoskeletal Conditions III

**Fall Sept-Dec**
- Clinical Experience IV: 12-week, full-time internship

**Winter-Spring Jan-May**
- • Diagnosis & Evidence Analysis III
- • Alternative Skills & Practice Environments
- • Health, Fitness & Prevention
- • Professional Issues & Skill Development IV
- • Organizational & Management Issues

**Focused Clinical Study (30 hours)**

### Year Three

**Summer July-Sept**
- Clinical Experience III: 10-week, full-time internship

**Fall Sept-Dec**
- Clinical Experience IV: 12-week, full-time internship

**Winter-Spring Jan-May**
- • Professional Issues & Skill Development IV
- • Organizational & Management Issues

**Clinical Experience III: 10-week, full-time internship**

The three-year curriculum combines classroom learning with extensive clinical experience. An emphasis on evidence-based health care prepares students for excellence in clinical practice.