



EDUCATION

Since its founding in 1943, the **USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy** has been a leader in physical therapy research and education and has been at the forefront of the most significant educational advances of the physical therapy profession. The program today is ranked No. 1 in the nation by the *U.S. News & World Report* and continues to be a center of excellence for clinical practice, education and research in physical therapy. The division is also one of the leading programs in the broader domain of biokinesiology, the study of the biological bases of movement.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Doctor of Physical Therapy

- This three-year program prepares graduates to become autonomous practitioners, capable of evaluating and treating patients without the need for a referral from another practitioner.
- The doctor of physical therapy degree is the profession's current entry-level degree.
- USC offers two pathways to the doctor of physical therapy degree — the traditional **residential program** and the **hybrid online/on-campus program**.
- Both pathways require the DPT student to complete 50 weeks of full-time clinical education rotations, taking advantage of the division's 1,100-plus contracts with physical therapy facilities across the nation.

TOTAL: 383 DPT students*

*2019-2020 Academic Year

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biokinesiology

- This program prepares graduates to be independent research scientists and academic faculty members prepared to conduct collaborative interdisciplinary research. Graduates are required to complete a dissertation project under the guidance of a faculty adviser.

Master's of Science in Biokinesiology/Master's of Science in Biokinesiology (with an emphasis in Sports Science)

- This two-year program prepares graduates to be skilled in the design and implementation of basic science and clinical research. Graduates are required to complete a dissertation project under the guidance of a faculty adviser.
- In 2018, the division added a concentration in sports science, preparing graduates to become members of a multidisciplinary team for athlete performance and well-being.

TOTAL: 40 Master's and PhD Biokinesiology students*

*2019-2020 Academic Year

Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency

- This year-long program prepares graduates to contribute to advanced clinical practice, teach clinical skills to others and expand the ever-growing body of knowledge in neurologic physical therapy.
- Neurologic physical therapy is one of nine professional specialties recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency

- This year-long program prepares graduates to contribute to advanced clinical practice, teach clinical skills to others and expand the specialty's body of knowledge by conducting and publishing clinical research.
- Orthopedic physical therapy is one of nine professional specialties recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency

- This year-long program prepares graduates to become advanced practitioners who expand their specialty's body of knowledge by conducting and publishing clinical research as well as providing and ensuring high-quality, cost-effective, community-based integrated services in the communities where they work using a coordinated, culturally competent, family-centered orientation.
- Pediatric physical therapy is one of nine professional specialties recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Sports Physical Therapy Residency

- This year-long program prepares graduates to become advanced practitioners, both in the clinic and on the athletic field, who will continue to expand the body of knowledge in sports medicine by conducting and publishing clinical research and who will make a lasting contribution to their local and professional community.
- Sports physical therapy is one of nine professional specialties recognized by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

TOTAL: 20 Neurologic, Orthopedic, Pediatric and Sports residents*

*2019-2020 Academic Year

FACULTY FACTS

- 146 faculty members
- Nationally-recognized faculty members are at the forefront of research; many travel the world over as guest lecturers
- Nine full-time faculty members have been named Catherine Worthingham Fellows of the American Physical Therapy Association, giving the division the nation's highest concentration of professional notables. The Worthingham Fellowship is the highest award bestowed by physical therapy's professional organization
- 100 percent of the division's full-time faculty members have doctorate degrees, compared to the national average of 45 percent, as reported by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

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