

UW-La Crosse Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree
Outline of Curriculum
(Revised March 2026)

Course Number	Title	Format	Contact hr/Sem	Credits
	Summer I (10 weeks)			
PTS 509	Human Gross Anatomy	Lecture	42	3
PTS 510	Applied Human Gross Anatomy	Lab	84	3
PTS 512	Medical Physiology	Lecture	56	4
PTS 520	Intro to PT Prac & Eval Techniques	Lecture	14	1
PTS 521	Applied Intro to PT Prac & Eval Techniques	Lab	56	2
PTS 661	Professional Series 1: PT Foundations	Lecture	14	1
	Summer I: Total		266/sem; 26.7hr/wk	14
	Fall I (14 weeks)			
PTS 516	Physiological Regulation of Exertion & Disease	Lecture	28	2
PTS 517	Applied Physiol Reg of Exertion & Disease	Lab	28	1
PTS 523	Physical Agents	Lecture	14	1
PTS 524	Applied Physical Agents	Lab	28	1
PTS 525	Kinesiology & Biomechanics of Movement	Lecture	28	2
PTS 526	Applied Kinesiology & Biomechanics	Lab	28	1
PTS 527	Clinical Foundations of the PT Exam	Lecture	28	2
PTS 528	Applied Clinical Foundations of the PT Exam	Lab	56	2
PTS 611	Pathophysiology and Differential Diagnosis	Lecture	42	3
PTS 662	Professional Series 2: Communication PT	Lecture	14	1
	Fall I: Total		294/sem; 21hr/wk	16
	Winter (2 weeks)			
PTS 651	Fieldwork: Introduction	Clinical	80	1
	Winter: Total		80/sem; 40hr/wk	1
	Spring I (14 weeks)			
PTS 518	Motor Control, Learning, and Development	Lecture	14	1
PTS 519	Applied Motor Control	Lab	28	1
PTS 535	Functional Neuroanatomy	Lecture	28	2
PTS 536	Applied Functional Neuroanatomy	Lab	28	1
PTS 545	Foundations of Clinical Research	Lecture	28	2
PTS 546	Applied Foundations of Clinical Research	Seminar	28	1
PTS 619	Early Intervention and Acute Care	Lecture	28	2
PTS 620	Applied Early Intervention and Acute Care	Lab	28	1
PTS 625	PT Management of Cardiovascular & Pul System	Lecture	28	2
PTS 626	Applied PT Cardiovascular & Pul System	Lab	28	1
PTS 627	Therapeutic Exercise & Manual Techniques	Lecture	14	1
PTS 628	Applied Ther Exercise & Manual Techniques	Lab	28	1
PTS 663	Professional Series 3: Ethics/Legal PT	Lecture	14	1
	Spring I: Total		322/sem; 2hr/wk	17
	Summer II (8 weeks)			
PTS 542	Research & Applied Statistics	Lecture	42	3
PTS 543	Instrumentation	Lecture	14	1
PTS 544	Applied Instrumentation	Lab	28	1
PTS 623	Integumentary	Lecture	14	1
PTS 624	Applied Integumentary	Lab	28	1
PTS 728	Musculoskeletal: Spine	Lecture	28	2
PTS 729	Applies Musculoskeletal: Spine	Lab	28	1

PTS 761	Professional Series 4: Interactions PT	Lecture	14	1
	Summer II (8 weeks): Total		196/sem; 24.5hr/wk	11
	Summer II August (4 weeks)			
PTS 751	Fieldwork: General Practice	Clinical	160	2
	August (4 weeks): Total		160/sem; 40hr/wk	2
	Fall II (14 weeks)			
PTS 701	Applied Adult Clinical Practice	Lab	42	1
PTS 709	Health and Wellness in PT Practice	Seminar	28	1
PTS 712	Clinical Radiology	Lecture	14	1
PTS 715	Musculoskeletal: Lower Extremity	Lecture	28	2
PTS 716	Applied Musculoskeletal: Lower Extremity	Lab	28	1
PTS 735	Adult Neuro Rehabilitative Physical Therapy I	Lecture	28	2
PTS 736	Applied Adult Neuro Rehab PT I	Lab	28	1
PTS 741	Evidence Based Practice (EBP) in PT	Lecture	28	2
PTS 742	Research Practicum	Lab	28	1
PTS 762	Professional Series 5: Applied Clinical Teaching	Lab	28	1
	Fall II: Total		280/sem; 20hr/wk	13
	Spring II (14 weeks)			
PTS 701	Applied Adult Clinical Practice	Lab	28	1
PTS 702	Contemporary practice in Neuromusculoskeletal Physical Therapy	Lab	28	1
PTS 710	Applied Health and Wellness in PT Practice	Fieldwork	28	1
PTS 711	Pharmacology	Lecture	28	2
PTS 730	Physical Therapy for Children	Lecture	42	3
PTS 731	Applied Physical Therapy for Children	Lab	28	1
PTS 733	Health Care Systems and Administration	Lecture	28	2
PTS 737	Musculoskeletal: Upper Extremity	Lecture	28	2
PTS 738	Applied Musculoskeletal: Upper Extremity	Lab	28	1
PTS 739	Adult Neuro Rehabilitative Physical Therapy II	Lecture	14	1
PTS 740	Applied Adult Neuro Rehab PT II	Lab	28	1
PTS 742	Research Practicum	Lab	28	1
PTS 763	Professional Series 6: Clinical Decision Making	Lecture	14	1
	Spring II: Total		350/sem; 25hr/wk	18
	Summer III (12 weeks)			
PTS 851	Clinical Experience I (12 weeks)	Clinical	480	6
	Summer III: Total		480/sem; 40hr/wk	6
	Fall III (14 weeks)			
PTS 831	Applied Clinical Reasoning	Seminar	28	1
PTS 852	Clinical Experience II (12 weeks)	Clinical	480	6
	Fall III: Total		508/sem; 40 hr/wk	7
	Spring III (14 weeks)			
PTS 853	Clinical Experience III (12 weeks)	Clinical	480	6
	Spring III: Total		480/sem; 40hr/wk	6

Summary:

Cohort size:	49 admitted per year
Total program credits:	111 credits
Curriculum length:	34 months
Didactic study:	86 weeks (1736 contact hours)
Full time clinical study:	42 weeks (1680 contact hours)
Terminal clinical internships:	36 weeks