

# Physical Therapy Postprofessional Clinical Fellowship in Movement and Performance

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The Physical Therapy Postprofessional Clinical Fellowship in Movement and Performance (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/clinical-fellowship/>) aims to provide clinical training of physical therapists to accelerate their professional development in becoming a highly skilled patient-care provider, a resource, educator, and mentor to others in the community that they serve and competent consumer and contributor to the scientific literature.

The fellowship's mission is compatible with Azusa Pacific University's Doctor of Physical Therapy (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/dpt/>) mission and vision statements by training physical therapists "to provide quality care to all customers through an open and dynamic learning community where the most advanced knowledge is shared and practiced freely" and by "encouraging critical thinking and evidence-based practice."

It is the intention of Azusa Pacific University:

- To provide highly skilled physical therapy for their student athletes and performing artists as well as for their students attending the university.
- To produce clinicians who demonstrate superior post-professional clinical skills, advanced knowledge in an area of clinical practice, and the ability to function as consultants, advocates, and educators of their peers and patients/clients.
- To increase the number of clinical educators/mentors for future physical therapy interns, fellows, and staff.

## Admission Requirements

Minimal eligibility requirements for acceptance into the program include:

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of the fellowship director, clinical faculty, and clinic directors with consideration of the following:

- Current licensure as a physical therapist by the Physical Therapy Board of California
- Completion of a residency in orthopedic physical therapy from an APTA credentialed residency program (equivalent to a minimum of 2,000 hours)
- If not residency-trained, demonstrates an equivalent knowledge and skills in orthopedic physical therapy and has at least 4,000 hours or 2 years of experience

All applicants will be interviewed by the director and clinical mentors of the fellowship. Observation of a live patient clinical exam may be required. The following factors will be taken into consideration when reviewing applicants:

- Academic background
- Postgraduate training
- Clinical experience
- Teaching experience
- Research experience
- Community service

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Units
PT 794	Fellowship I	2
PT 795	Fellowship II	3
PT 796	Fellowship III	3
PT 797	Fellowship IV	2
Total Units		10

## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/nextcatalog-apu-edu-admissions-financial/>)). **Program-**

**specific application requirements are available** online (<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/apu-edu-graduateprofessionalcenter-admissions-requirements-program/>).

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/>) for application procedures.

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate highly skilled patient care in the movement system.
2. Distinguish themselves as expert movement systems instructors and mentors in the field of physical therapy.
3. Function as competent consumers and contributors to the evidence-based practice of physical therapy.

The program provides clinical training of physical therapists that accelerates their professional development in becoming a:

1. Highly skilled patient-care provider in the area of movement science
2. Resource, educator, and mentor to physical therapy interns, residents, and fellows
3. Leader in the areas of physical therapy practice, education, and community service
4. Competent consumer of and contributor to the evidence-based practice of physical therapy