



**Samuel Merritt University**  
**Department of Physical Therapy Program Curriculum**  
**Class of 2026**

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO		YEAR THREE	
Fall (Term 1)	Units	Fall (Term 4)	Units	Fall (Term 7)	Units
PT 710: Clinical Foundations in Physical Therapy	3.25	PT 728: Neuroscience II	2.0	PT 709: Pro Bono Experience DPT III	1.0
PT 722: Physiologic Systems and Exercise	3.5	PT 744: Health Care Systems and Regulatory Aspects of PT	2.0	PT 715B: Patient/Client Management: Special Topics II	2.0
PT 723: Gross Anatomy I	3.0	PT 756: Evidence-Based Practice II	2.0	PT 716 : Patient/Client Management: Musculoskeletal III	3.0
PT 724: Functional Anatomy, Biomechanics and Kinesiology I	3.0	PT 763: Clinical Experience I (first 10 weeks)	5.0	PT 718: Patient/Client Management: Neuromuscular II	3.0
PT 727: Neuroscience I	1.0			PT 746: Management of PT Services	2.0
PT 735: Exercise Prescription for Patients and Clients I	1.0			PT 747: Professional Issues II	1.0
PT 741: Physical Therapy Profession in Society	2.0				
PT 755: Evidence-Based Practice I	2.0				
<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>12.0</b>

Spring (Term 2)	Units	Spring (Term 5)	Units	Spring (Term 8)
PT 711: Patient/Client Management: Musculoskeletal I	5.0	PT 705: Patient/Client Management: Complexity in Care	2.0	PT 766: Terminal Clinical Education Experience (16 weeks). (Non-unit bearing)
PT 725: Gross Anatomy II	2.0	PT 713: Patient/Client Management: Neuromuscular I	5.0	
PT 726: Functional Anatomy, Biomechanics and Kinesiology II	3.0	PT 714: Patient/Client Management: Pediatrics	3.0	
PT 732: Pathology and Pharmacology I	2.0	PT 729: Neuroscience III	3.0	
PT 738: Musculoskeletal Medical Management and Imaging I	1.5	PT 730: Medical Screening for Physical Therapists	0.5	
PT 743: Interprofessional & Intrapersonal Communication in Health Care	2.0	PT 734: Pathology and Medical Management in Neurology	2.0	
PT 761: Integrated Clinical Experience	0.5	PT 737: Exercise Prescription for Patients and Clients III	1.5	
<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>17.0</b>	

Summer (Term 3)	Units	Summer (Term 6)	Units	Optional Electives	Units
PT 707: Pro Bono Experience DPT I	1.0	PT 708: Pro Bono Experience DPT II	0.5	PT 781: Advanced Pediatrics (Fall, DPT III only)	2.0
PT 712: Patient/Client Management: Musculoskeletal II	5.0	PT 715A: Patient/Client Management: Special Topics I	1.5	PT 782: Sports Medicine (Fall, DPT III only)	2.0
PT 719: Physical Agents and Electrotherapy	1.0	PT 717: Patient/Client Management: Cardiopulmonary	3.0	PT 784: Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy (Fall, DPT III only)	2.0
PT 720: Evidence Based Practice Seminar course (enroll in term 3, complete in term 7)	1.25	PT 765: Clinical Experience II (first 10 weeks)	5.0		
PT 733: Pathology and Pharmacology II	1.5				
PT 736: Exercise Prescription for Patients and Clients II	1.0				
PT 739: Musculoskeletal Medical Management and Imaging II	1.5				
PT 742: Teaching and Learning	1.5				
PT 745: Behavioral and Psychosocial Factors in Health Care	2.0				
<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>15.75</b>	<b>Total Term Units</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>Total Program Units</b>	<b>100.5</b>

\*Applies to Class of 2026 and later.