

University of St. Augustine (USA)

USA Founder and President

Dr. Paris is the Founding President and Chairman of the Board of the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. The University is a proprietary institution, which encompasses the Institutes of Physical Therapy and of Occupational Therapy. Programs include the first professional doctorate for both physical and occupational therapy, continuing professional education, transitional doctorates and advanced master's degrees.

He has served on a number of international boards, received numerous awards and has published more than forty articles in physical therapy, medical and osteopathic journals and a book. He was twice appointed to the New Zealand Olympic Team. In 1985 he personally completed the World Championship Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii, and in 1986 he twice swam the English Channel, and has three times sailed across the North Atlantic and twice the Pacific.

USA Campus Locations

Florida – St. Augustine
California – San Diego

Accreditation

Accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council
Programmatic Accreditation by Commission for Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education and Accreditation Commission for Occupational Therapy Education

Students

500 Graduate Students estimated
Average age is 27
Average pre-requisite GPA in incoming class is 3.4
Average GRE score of incoming class is 1080
Male to Female ratio is 40:60
Predominately attracts a large majority of local students, but also from across the country.

Faculty

30 Faculty estimated
40-50 Total faculty and staff estimated (living locally)

Classes

Three trimesters run year round with three intakes of students and three graduations each year.
Classes offered 7 days a week from approximately 7am-6pm
Offer online education

Educational Programs/Degrees

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)
Dual Degree Option (MOT/DPT)
Flexible Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT)
Orthopaedic Physician Assistant (OPA)
Transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (t-OTD)
Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT)
Doctor of Health Science (DHSc)
Education Doctorate (EdD)
Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship
Orthopaedic Residency
Continuing Professional Education

Degree Timeframes for DPT and MOT

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) - 2years and 4 months (full-time resident Physical Therapy students); and 4 years (part-time weekend physical therapy students)

Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) - 2 years (Occupational Therapists) Approximately 100 students will stay to earn both MOT and DPT degrees

Student Job Opportunities

Students leave with many job offers in the \$65-100k per year range

Austin is a draw for physical activity/physical fitness job opportunities

Graduates tend to stay in the area where they graduated and find job opportunities

Graduate rate for the DPT program is 95% over the last 3 years

Physical and Occupational Therapy Clinic

An onsite clinic managed by faculty and clinicians will offer training for the students and will be available to the general public with an associated fee.

Physical Therapy Wellness Center

An onsite fitness center will serve to foster a healthy lifestyle for the students as well as offer access to specialty equipment for special needs individuals. The fitness center will not be open to the general public.

Parking

Students are required to have parking passes affixed to car – surrounding neighborhood should be able to identify student cars. St. Augustine promotes car pooling and enforces parking policies.

Community Service

All classes of students are required to complete a joint community service project as part of the curriculum, which may include opportunities such as senior center visits, nursing home visits, wellness projects such as runs or walks to raise awareness and funds and food and clothing drives.

