

# WHY MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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### INTRODUCTION

Marshall University's School of Physical Therapy (SOPT) offers a nationally competitive, student-centered, and outcomes-driven Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) education. With exceptional student outcomes, highly credentialed faculty, a supportive learning environment, and affordable tuition, Marshall prepares graduates for clinical excellence, licensure, and lifelong professional success.

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#### 1. OUTSTANDING STUDENT SUCCESS & LICENSURE OUTCOMES

- First-Time NPTE Pass Rate: 2024/2025 Average = 96.8%
  - 100% Ultimate NPTE Pass Rate
  - 100% Employment Rate
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#### 2. HIGHLY QUALIFIED & ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

- Faculty with one of the region's highest concentrations of ABPTS board-certified specialists (46%)
  - Clinician-scholars actively practicing in orthopedics, neurology, pediatrics, geriatrics, and acute care
  - Low student-to-faculty ratio (10:1) ensuring individualized mentorship
  - 90% of faculty actively participate in patient care
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#### 3. A SUPPORTIVE, STUDENT-FOCUSED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Small cohort size (40 students) fostering community, collaboration, and personalized support
  - Strong culture of mentorship, academic coaching, and tutoring
  - Peer (GA) and faculty-led academic support
  - Student organizations, service-learning opportunities, and leadership development pathways
  - Inclusive environment emphasizing professionalism, resilience, and overall wellness
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#### 4. STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES & HANDS-ON TRAINING

- Modern teaching labs equipped with advanced technology
  - Motion analysis, simulation experiences, and gross anatomy instruction reinforcing clinical decision-making
  - Early and frequent hands-on experiential learning opportunities
  - Pro bono patient care experiences through the MUVIT Clinic
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## 5. EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL EDUCATION NETWORK

- Extensive clinical education network with 7,000+ clinical education sites across hundreds of affiliated partnerships
  - Rotations across acute care, outpatient ortho/sports, inpatient rehab, neuro, pediatrics, and rural health
  - Opportunities for specialty training with advanced clinicians (“high performance sites”)
  - Structured clinical progression through Integrated Clinical Education (ICE) and full-time clinical rotations
  - Strong reputation among clinical partners for producing prepared, professional, and practice-ready students
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## 6. AFFORDABILITY & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Competitive tuition among the top 50 most affordable DPT programs for both in-state and out-of-state students
  - Reduced cost of living in Huntington and surrounding communities
  - Access to SOPT and institutional scholarships, graduate assistantships, and external awards
  - At least 30% of each cohort receives some form of scholarship or assistantship support
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## 7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

- Service learning integrated throughout the curriculum
  - Partnerships with local health systems, schools, and community organizations
  - Student engagement in advocacy, APTA events, and statewide/national professional initiatives
  - Emphasis on leadership, communication, and patient-centered care
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## 8. STRONG ALUMNI NETWORK

- Approximately 400 DPT graduates employed nationwide in hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehab centers, sports programs, home health, and academic settings
  - Alumni pursuing board certification, residency training, and advanced specialty credentials
  - Expanding alumni network supporting mentorship, professional growth, and career connections
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## SUMMARY: WHY MARSHALL SOPT?

**VALUE** = Strong Student Outcomes + Low Total Cost of Attendance

Marshall University’s School of Physical Therapy provides exceptional educational quality, proven licensure success, diverse clinical training, and a supportive environment—delivering outstanding value for future physical therapists.