



HULST JEPSEN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Degree Definitions

There are several types of degrees offered in the field of **Physical Therapy**. Before the late 1990's, therapists received a bachelor's degree in physical therapy (**P.T.**). This was slowly replaced by:

- Master's, either Masters of Physical Therapy (**M.S.P.T. or M.P.T.**) or Master's in Health Science (**M.H.S.P.T.**). They completed their bachelor's degree and then a two years master's program of physical therapy.
- Doctorate, or (**D.P.T.**), completing a bachelors degree and then completing an additional three more years in physical therapy.

A **Physical Therapist Assistant (P.T.A.)** has completed a two year associate degree in physical therapy. Additional courses/training can be taken to be certified in specialty areas of physical therapy:

- Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist (**O.C.S.**)
- Sports Clinical Specialist (**S.C.S.**)
- McKenzie Specialist (**MDT**)