



## Degree Definitions

- **Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)**
  - A two year Associates degree in physical therapy
- **Bachelor's Degree in physical therapy (PT)**
  - A 4 year Bachelor's degree in physical therapy
- **Master's of Physical Therapy (MSPT or MPT) or Master's in Health Science (MHSPT)**
  - A Bachelor's degree plus a two year Master's program in physical therapy
- **Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)**
  - A Bachelor's degree plus a three year Doctorate program 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**)
- Certified Active Release Technique (**ART**)