

Classification of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree as a Professional Degree



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The American Physical Therapy Association supports the Doctor of Physical Therapy, or DPT, as the professional degree required for graduation and eligibility for licensure as a physical therapist in the United States, and asserts that the United States Department of Education and other governmental agencies should classify the DPT as a professional degree for all federal policy purposes, including the determination of federal student loan eligibility and limits. This classification does not limit those physical therapists who earned other degrees in the profession prior to the requirement of the DPT or have earned an internationally equivalent degree.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

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