

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Duke University School of Medicine

YEAR ONE – Class of 2028

SESSION 1 (Fall 2025) - 18 weeks (16 didactic, 1 clinical, 1 vacation)

August 11 – 15	Orientation
August 18	Session 1 Begins
September 1	Labor Day Holiday
October 13 - 14	Fall Break
October 25 – November 2	STEPS® I
November 24 - 28	Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Session 1 Ends
	2-week Intersession Break

SESSION 2 (Spring 2026) - 21 weeks (18 didactic, 2 clinical, 1 vacation)

January 5	Session 2 Begins
January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
March 14 - 29	STEPS® II
March 30 – April 3	Spring Break
May 29	Session 2 Ends
	1-week Intersession Break

SESSION 3 (Summer 2026) - 9 weeks (8 didactic, 1 clinical)

June 6	Session 3 Begins
June 6 - 14	STEPS® III
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday
July 3	Independence Day Holiday
August 7	Session 3 Ends
	1-week Intersession Break

YEAR TWO – Class of 2027

SESSION 4 (Fall 2025) - 18 weeks (15 didactic, 2 clinical, 1 vacation)

August 18	Session 4 Begins
September 1	Labor Day Holiday
September 27 – October 12	STEPS® IV
October 13 – 14	Fall Break
November 24 – 28	Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Session 4 Ends
	2-week Intersession Break

SESSION 5 (Spring 2026) - 21 weeks (19 didactic, 2 vacation)

January 5	Session 5 Begins
January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 9 - 13	CSM Break
March 9 - 13	Spring Break
May 25	Memorial Day
May 29	Session 5 Ends
June 1 - 12	Comprehensive Practical
	2-week Intersession Break

YEAR THREE – Class of 2026

SESSION 6 (Summer-2 2025) - 12 weeks (12 clinical)

June 30	Session 6 Begins
September 19	Session 6 Ends
	1-week Intersession Break

SESSION 7 (Fall 2025) - 14 weeks (12 clinical, 2 didactic)

September 29	Session 7 Begins
January 2	Session 7 Ends

SESSION 8 (Spring 2026) - 14 weeks (12 clinical, 2 didactic)

January 5	Session 8 Begins
April 10	Session 8 Ends
	3-week Break
May 6	Graduation Week Activities Begin
May 10	Graduation
