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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Mount's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program equips you to pursue a career that helps patients/clients maximize their abilities, resulting in a positive difference in their lives.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to practice autonomously, think critically to solve problems, and apply evidence-based practice. The Mount's DPT Program attracts high-quality students who excel academically, assume leadership roles on campus, participate in community service, receive accolades from their clinical experiences, and successfully pass the licensure examination.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Experienced in providing quality health care education and excellent facilities, the Mount offers physical therapy students:

- 42 weeks of full-time clinical experience in diverse settings throughout the nation. Learn more at www.msj.edu/dptclinicals
- Third-year electives on advanced-practice topics such as animal rehabilitation, performing artists, running athletes and manual therapy, as well as additional clinic opportunities (neurologic, falls and pro bono clinics)
- 3 large hybrid classrooms with tables, mats and plinths for lecture/lab integration
- State-of-the-art high-fidelity simulation laboratories and private patient rooms for standardized patient encounters to enhance off campus clinical experiences
- An active student physical therapy association (SPTA) that plans social and service activities throughout the year
- Free online text books via AccessPhysiotherapy® which represents 70% of all required texts.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Year One

BIO 526/526A	Human Gross Anatomy w/Lab
PT 601	Foundational Science I
PT 603	Surface Anatomy
PT 605/605A	Clinical Exercise Physiology w/Lab
PT 608/608A	Biomechanics & Kinesiology w/Lab
PT 610/610A	Basic Patient Care Skills w/Lab
PT 611/611A	Therapeutic Modalities w/Lab
PT 612/612A	Basic Examination and Evaluation w/Lab
PT 615/615A	Therapeutic Exercise w/Lab
PT 624/624A	Neuroscience w/Lab
PT 650	Professional Socialization I
PT 651	Professional Socialization II
PT 652	Professional Issues I
PT 661	Research in Physical Therapy I

YEAR TWO

PT 700	Clinical Experience I
PT 701	Clinical Experience II
PT 702	Foundational Science II
PT 703	Foundational Science III
PT 715/715A	Patient Mgt: Acute Care & Cardiopulmonary w/Lab
PT 720/720A	Patient Mgt: Applied Orthopedics I w/Lab
PT 721/721A	Patient Mgt: Applied Orthopedics II w/Lab
PT 722/722A	Patient Mgt: Neurological Rehab w/Lab I
PT 725/725A	Patient Mgt: Neurological Rehab w/Lab II
PT 745/745A	Patient Mgt: Integrated Rehab w/Lab
PT 746	Patient Mgt: Lifespan I - Pediatrics
PT 747/747A	Patient Mgt: Lifespan II - Geriatric w/Lab
PT 754	Professional Issues in Physical Therapy II
PT 762	Research in Physical Therapy II
PT 770	Administration, Management & Consultation

Year Three

PT 753	Healthcare Policy
PT 855	Professional Issues in Physical Therapy III
PT 857	Professional Issues in Physical Therapy IV
PT 863	Research in Physical Therapy III
PT 875/876	Electives/Independent study in Physical Therapy
PT 881	Clinical Education Experience I
PT 882	Clinical Education Experience II
PT 883	Clinical Education Experience III
PT 884	Clinical Education Experience IV

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants applying to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program apply online using the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service, known as PTCAS. To learn more, visit the www.PTCAS.org website.

In addition to completion of the online application and associated Mount St. Joseph University materials detailed on PTCAS, students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. An earned undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
Note: All undergraduate course work from all institutions attended will be considered in this calculation.
2. Completion of the following prerequisite course work, with a grade of "C" or better, prior to the start of DPT course work:

Sciences – one (1) year [two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters] of each of the following courses with laboratory:

- Anatomy and Physiology (human is preferred, although mammalian or vertebrate are also acceptable; courses in exercise physiology do not count towards the physiology requirement).
- Physics (algebra/trigonometry-based as well as calculus-based courses are acceptable).
- Chemistry (general chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry are all acceptable).

Humanities and Social Sciences – one (1) course in each of the following areas:

- Psychology
- Ethics.

Statistics – one (1) course.

3. For 2021 applications, completion of at least 30 hours of clinical observation in both inpatient and outpatient therapy settings (minimum of 10 hours in each setting).
4. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). (Scores are sent to PTCAS using the DPT program code 7749. Scores within the last five years will be accepted).

CAREER OUTLOOK

There is no better time to begin your physical therapy career. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapists is expected to grow 34 percent from 2014 to 2024. DPT graduates from the Mount work in a variety of health care fields, including education, geriatrics, pediatrics, neurology, rehabilitation, orthopedics, and sports medicine. Hospitals, private practices, colleges, skilled nursing facilities, and rehabilitation facilities are among a long list of potential physical therapy employers.

The DPT program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Upon completion of the DPT program, students are eligible to apply for state licensure and sit for the National Physical Therapy Licensure Examination. MSJ graduates have a 100 percent overall pass rate.



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