DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

STANDARD PATHWAY PROGRAM BROCHURE

FOR ADMISSION SUMMER 2016

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in Physical Therapy at the University of Cincinnati. Please take the time to read this entire brochure. It contains important and updated information concerning degree and program requirements.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Cincinnati is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org.

To practice as a licensed physical therapist, a student must be a graduate from a CAPTE accredited program and pass a state licensure examination. Completion of a CAPTE accredited program alone does not guarantee that a graduate can practice as a physical therapist. While every state has these same two requirements, some states may also have additional requirements.

The University of Cincinnati has regional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. http://www.ncahlc.org/

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapists is expected to grow by 36 percent from 2012 to 2022.

Forbes ranked physical therapists as having 1 of “The Ten Happiest Jobs,” according to articles published in 2013 and 2011.

UC DPT Program

The primary mission of our DPT Program is to educate students to become licensed PT’s capable of competently and independently evaluating, treating, and/or consulting with patients and/or clients of diverse cultural backgrounds in a variety of settings. In addition, it’s our mission to strive for excellence in teaching, to support the professional growth of its students and faculty, to promote scholarly activity and leadership which advances the professional and educational community, to instill a commitment to lifelong learning, to respond to the needs of the region it serves and to serve as a resource to the global community.

Our class size is approximately 30 students, which allows for effective and personal interactions with faculty. The faculty to student ratio is approximately 1:10. The faculty and support staff have an open door policy and encourages the students to visit them and to ask for guidance as needed.

Student Outcomes

The UC DPT Program graduation rate for the period of 2010-2012 is 90.1%. The 3 year period of 2010-2012 are the most current statistics reported to CAPTE.

The class of 2015 achieved 100% initial pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). This is the second year in a row UC DPT had 100% initial pass rate! Our three year (2013-2015) initial pass rate is 98.5%. The national average for this time period is 91.9%. The average score of students in the class of 2015 was 719 and the national average was 685.7.

Graduates from our program are highly sought employees and many have multiple job offers prior to graduation. All of our students who sought employment in the field were employed within one to six months of graduation. Informal data shows that students are typically employed within one month of graduation pending their passing of the licensure examination.
PATHWAYS TO ADMISSION

The DPT program is a graduate-level degree-seeking program. Applicants have three options to apply for the physical therapy program.

1. **Standard Admissions Pathway (SAP):** The standard pathway is for college students who have graduated or college seniors about to graduate with their undergraduate degree.

2. **Junior Early Admissions Pathway (JEAP):** This pathway is for UC College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) students majoring in Health Sciences. In order to qualify for this pathway, students must be a Health Science major from the beginning of their academic career as an entering, 1st year, 1st semester freshman. These students will have the option of applying to the DPT program during the second term of their junior year.

3. **High School Early Admissions Pathway (HEAP):** This pathway is for qualified high school seniors interested in pursuing a UC undergraduate degree in Health Sciences in the College of Allied Health Sciences and then continuing on to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Cincinnati.

For more information on all pathways, please review the brochures available on our website: [http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences/programs/pt/requirements.aspx](http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences/programs/pt/requirements.aspx).

For College of Allied Health Sciences undergraduate program requirements check the following website: [http://admissions.uc.edu/highschool/requirements.html](http://admissions.uc.edu/highschool/requirements.html).

For more information, visit the CAHS Office of Students Affairs website: [http://www.cahs.uc.edu/current/advising/osa/advising.aspx](http://www.cahs.uc.edu/current/advising/osa/advising.aspx)

**Transfer of Graduate Students**

Interested students who wish to transfer from other Physical Therapy Programs to UC’s Physical Therapy Program, must follow the guidelines for admission. **Credits from other PT programs will NOT be transferrable towards the core curriculum of the DPT program.**

Students who have not taken all of the pre-requisite courses should ensure that the coursework they intend to take to fulfill these prerequisites will be accepted by checking course equivalencies with Shelly Bellman, DPT Program Coordinator, 513-558-7477 or via email shelly.bellman@uc.edu.


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University Health Insurance Rates: $1,064 per semester
The plan is in compliance with the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and meets the Gold Standard under PPACA.

*rates included are for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice.

The DPT Program participates in the graduate metropolitan rate. University of Cincinnati graduate students living in Kentucky counties are able to attend UC at an established metropolitan tuition rate. The graduate...
The metropolitan rate equals Ohio in-state tuition plus $150 per semester for full-time graduate students (up to 18 credit hours per semester); the metropolitan rate for part-time graduate students and overload credit hours is in-state tuition plus $15 per graduate credit hour.

http://www.uc.edu/registrar/residency_reciprocity_metro/metro_rate_graduate.html

In addition, select counties in Indiana are included in the Indiana/Ohio Reciprocity Agreement. Residents of these Indiana counties can apply to receive tuition at the Ohio-resident rate. For more information on reciprocity and the metropolitan rate please visit:

http://www.uc.edu/registrar/residency_reciprocity_metro/indiana_reciprocity.html

The cost of attending UC consists of direct and indirect costs. Direct costs on your term bill are tuition (instructional, general, technology, campus life, and program fees), and health insurance (if insurance coverage is not documented). Indirect costs include items such as books and supplies, transportation and parking, personal expenses, and off-campus rent. These should be included in your budget though they will not be billed by the university.

If interested, please see this website for Off-Campus Graduate Housing information

http://www.uc.edu/uchousing/graduate_housing.html

The program suggests that students budget approximately $2,800 for books and supplies for the three years though more money will be spent on books and supplies in the first year of the program compared to the second and third years. Additional costs for the student will include: graduate application fee, laboratory fees, evaluation tools, liability (malpractice) insurance (approximately $15/year), blood borne pathogen insurance ($37/year), student health insurance, UHS Immunization Registration Appointment (approximately $20/year), UHS Hepatitis B tracking fee (approximately $50/year if the Hepatitis B series is incomplete), a fee for student membership in the American Physical Therapy Association, and the cost of a physical examination and associated inoculations. In addition, students are responsible for all expenses related to clinical education including travel, housing, meals, uniforms (including nametags, etc.), and one or more criminal background check(s) and drug testing may be required depending upon clinical placement.

Oftentimes, the DPT program has a limited number of financial awards, which include University Graduate Scholarships and Graduate Assistantships. The University Graduate Scholarship (UGS) is a university funded tuition scholarship, which covers partial tuition for full time graduate students. The Graduate Assistantship (GA) is a financial award for full time graduate students. Graduate assistant positions are research or teaching based, requiring approximately 10 hours of service per week. These assistantships provide stipends plus a University Graduate Scholarship. There is no application for UGS or GA Awards, though applicants must indicate if they wish to be considered for a GA position. Awards are based on the quality of the academic and scholarly activity record and are available for the academic calendar year except for the summer term. GA positions typically include responsibilities assisting faculty who teach in the undergraduate Health Sciences Program. Therefore, these positions are typically awarded to the highest academic achieving students who have graduated from the UC Health Sciences Program.

For more information on Financial Aid including billing and refund policies, please visit the Financial Aid website:

http://financialaid.uc.edu

**Housing**

For information about off-campus housing options, contact the Graduate and Family Housing Office (513) 556-0682 or email them at ucgradfa@uc.edu.  

http://www.uc.edu/uchousing/graduate_housing.html
Essential Program - Related Functions

[Physical Therapy, p.37-45, Volume 77, Number 1, January 1997]

Physical therapy students must demonstrate the ability to perform at least the functions listed below safely, reliably, and efficiently, in compliance with legal and ethical standards throughout their entire physical therapy education.

1. Attend class for approximately 25 hours per week, and have the ability to sit and/or stand and maintain upright posture for several hours at a time.
2. Have the intellectual skills to recall and comprehend large amounts of didactic information under time constraints and apply this information to the practice of physical therapy.
3. Utilize appropriate verbal, nonverbal, and written communication with patients, families, and others.
4. Select, perform and document appropriate physical therapy procedures used to assess the function of the movement system. These include, but are not limited to, the assessment of cognitive/mental status, vital signs, wound status, endurance, segmental length, girth and volume, sensation, strength, tone, reflexes, movement patterns, coordination, ROM, balance, developmental stage, soft tissue, joint motion/play, pain, cranial and peripheral nerve function, posture, gait, functional abilities, assistive device fit/use, and the pulmonary system.
5. Determine the physical therapy needs of any patient with perceived or potential movement dysfunction.
6. Develop and document a plan of care for a patient with movement dysfunction.
7. Recognize the psychosocial impact of dysfunction and disability and integrate the needs of the patient and family when implementing the plan of care.
8. Perform intervention procedures in a manner that is appropriate to the patient’s status and desired goals. These include, but are not limited to, exercise, developmental activities, balance training, coordination training, positioning techniques, self-care activities and CPR.
9. Possess the ability to manage a full patient load and the ability to recognize and appropriately respond to emergency situations.
10. Demonstrate ability to apply universal precautions.
11. Participate in the process of scientific inquiry.
12. Apply teaching/learning theories and methods in health care and community environments with the goal of health care promotion and prevention.
13. Demonstrate management skills, including planning, organizing, supervising, delegating and working as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
14. Develop responsibility for lifelong professional growth and development.
15. The above require students have no restrictions in the following: bending, carrying, climbing, grasping, heaving, lifting, pulling, pushing, reaching, sitting, crawling, sight, hearing, speaking, stooping, kneeling, use of hands, walking, and writing. In addition, students are required to pass an annual physical exam.

Certain disabilities can interfere with a student’s ability to complete the program of study and acquire the essential functions necessary for the practice of physical therapy. A student who feels they have such a disability is required to register with the Disability Services Office (http://www.uc.edu/aess/disability.html), (513) 556-6823. Reasonable accommodations can be made to compensate for some, but not all, limitations. Students should be aware that those that interfere with patient care, safety or require the use of an intermediary may be incompatible with independent professional practice. A student who is unable to fulfill the essential functions may be dismissed from the program.

1 Essential Functions, Physical Therapy Program, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina
Accepted PT students will be required to sign a form stating they are able to fulfill the essential functions on a yearly basis in addition to passing an annual physical and annually submitting the Physical Update Form.

Please refer to the University Health Services web page for information regarding current immunization and specific minimum physical requirements for acceptance into the DPT program. This is reviewed on a yearly basis and is subject to change.
http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/University%20Health%20Services/docs/Health%20Packets/2014_pt.pdf
http://www.uc.edu/uhs/medical_health_professionimmunizationrequirements.html

**Criminal Background**

Applicants are advised that they will be required to undergo a full criminal background check upon admission to the UC DPT program. Included in the acceptance letter will be information pertaining to how to complete the check. The background check will be due 60 days from the date of the acceptance letter. If offered a seat in the program less than 60 days from the start of the program, then the background check will be due prior to the start of class. Matriculation into the program is contingent on the results of the background check. If a criminal history is revealed in the background check, the nature of the offense and other factors will be considered in making the final decision regarding matriculation. If it is determined that the offense will prevent the student from completing the clinical education requirements of the program or from obtaining a license to practice physical therapy, the student will not be permitted to matriculate into the program. Additional background checks may be needed for certain clinical placement sites. Also, admission into the program does not guarantee the ability to practice since the Ohio OT/PT/AT Board and places of employment will make independent decisions regarding criminal background checks.

**Admissions to the DPT Program**

The admissions process to be accepted into the DPT program is competitive.

The following dates are critical to the application process for the Physical Therapy program:

- **September 1, 2015:** Deadline for taking GRE
- **October 1, 2015:** Deadline for UC Graduate School application submission
- **October 1, 2015:** Deadline for PTCAS application submission
- **October 1, 2015:** Deadline for submission of Recommendation Letters & Documentation of Observation Hours
- **December 2015–May 2016:** Notification of admissions status.

*If PTCAS has not received 3 recommendation letters and verification of all observation hours by October 15, 2015, late submittals are reviewed at the discretion of the Admission Committee. Applicants are strongly urged to get this information into PTCAS two weeks prior to the October 1, 2015 deadline to insure that PTCAS has ample time to verify these two items.*

Entrance into the Physical Therapy Program is competitive and enrollment is limited. On average, there are approximately five applicants for each available seat. Completion of the following requirements is required for consideration for admission into the Physical Therapy program but does not guarantee admission into the program.
See the Application Components section for more information and deadline dates on each requirement.

1. Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00
2. Completion of pre-requisite coursework.*
3. Completion of UC’s Graduate School Application.
4. Completion of the PTCAS Application.
5. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
6. Submission of documentation of observation/volunteer hours completed in a Physical Therapy setting.
7. Submission of 3 letters of recommendation. One must be from a practicing PT in the clinical field who directly supervised your activities.
8. TOEFL (if applicable).

*At the time of application, no more than two (2) individual core science prerequisite courses may be remaining (i.e., one course in two of the subjects or two courses in one of the subjects) by 10/1/2015. These courses must be completed by the start of the summer semester 2016. Please see Application Component Section for further detail.

Individuals who have met the physical therapy admission requirements are encouraged to apply to the Physical Therapy Program if the core course requirements have been completed within the past 10 calendar years (certain exceptions may apply), and the GRE and TOEFL have been taken within the past five (5) calendar years. Individuals with questions concerning prior coursework and its acceptance in meeting physical therapy requirements should contact Shelly Bellman, Program Coordinator, at (513) 558-7477 or via email at shelly.bellman@uc.edu.

**ADMISSION DEPOSIT**
Admitted students are required to send an admission deposit of $500 to the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences to secure their enrollment. The $500 admission deposit will be applied to the student’s University of Cincinnati bursar account in the second term of enrollment upon successful completion (B or better) of the initial term.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

*NOTE: It is the applicant’s responsibility to check their PTCAS account to ensure that the required application components (UC Graduate school supplemental application, (3) letters of recommendation, verifications of observation hours, Official GRE Test Scores and transcripts) have been received by PTCAS. The department will verify that all application documents have been received by the application deadline and send you notification via the PTCAS email on file. The PT Admissions Committee reserves the right to decline review of any incomplete application or application submitted after the deadline.*

1. **Application to PTCAS**  
   Deadline: 10/1/15
   Applicants to the DPT program must submit an application to the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS – [http://www.ptcas.org/](http://www.ptcas.org/)). The application will be available for completion beginning July 1, 2015. The following application components are sent directly to PTCAS:
   - Official Transcripts from all universities and colleges attended
   - Official GRE Test Scores
   - Three (3) Recommendation Letters
   - Documentation of Observation Hours
2. **Supplemental Application to UC.**  
   *Deadline: 10/1/15*
   
   All applicants must submit an online application to the UC Graduate School. The supplemental application can be located at [http://grad.uc.edu/admissions.html](http://grad.uc.edu/admissions.html) under the Applying for Summer 2016 admission. There is a non-refundable $65 application fee, and for International student(s), a $70 non-refundable application fee and a $5 surcharge.

3. **Official Transcripts and Academic Coursework.**  
   *Transcript Submission Deadline: 10/1/15*
   
   Applicants must submit to PTCAS official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended. Admission to the DPT program requires the completion of the below prerequisite classes, separated into Science and Non-Science categories.

   The cumulative undergraduate GPA and the science and non-science prerequisite GPAs must all be a minimum of 3.0. However, some exceptions may apply for certain courses and circumstances. Applicants should be aware that the average GPA of admitted students is typically much higher than 3.0.

   [One Year Sequence = 3 quarters or 2 semesters.]

   **Core Science Prerequisites**  
   *Deadline for completion of outstanding coursework: May 2016*
   
   - one year sequence or equivalent of Chemistry with Lab (approximately 15 quarter credits / 10 semester credits). Should be at the level required for science majors.
   - one year sequence or equivalent of Biology with Lab (approximately 15 quarter credits / 10 semester credits). Should be at the level required for Biology majors.
   - one year sequence or equivalent of Trigonometry-Based Physics with Lab (approximately 15 quarter credits / 10 semester credits).
   - one year sequence or equivalent of Human Anatomy and Physiology (approximately 12 quarter credits / 8 semester credits) (a separate lab is required if the lab is not included as part of the course).
   - Each core science prerequisite course must be completed with an earned grade of “C” or better.

   *To be considered for admission, applicants must have no more than two (2) individual core science prerequisite courses outstanding as of October 1 2015, and will have until May 2016 to complete all remaining science coursework.*

   **Non-science Prerequisites**  
   *Deadline for completion of outstanding coursework: May 2016*
   
   - One year sequence or equivalent of English Composition (one year / 6 semester credits)
   - One course or equivalent of Introduction to Psychology or Developmental Psychology and one course or equivalent of Abnormal Psychology (approximately 6 semester credits total). Note: Developmental Psychology and Lifespan Psychology are NOT equivalent to Abnormal Psychology and will not be substituted.
   - One course in each of the following: Statistics, Exercise Physiology, and Medical Terminology.

   *Accepted applicants have until the start of 2016 summer semester to complete non-science coursework.*

   If an AP course has been completed and credit has been awarded for this course through the student’s institution of higher education, this will fulfill our pre-requisite requirement for the course. Coursework completed more than 10 years ago will be considered on a case by case basis. This includes AP credit.
As a reference, listed below are the prerequisite courses offered at the University of Cincinnati.

**Anatomy and Physiology Series**
- BIOL 2001C Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2002C Anatomy and Physiology II

**Biology Series**
- BIOL 1081 / 1081L Biology I Lecture / Lab
- BIOL 1082 / 1082L Biology II Lecture / Lab

**Chemistry Series**
- CHEM 1040 / 1040L Gen Chem I Lecture / Lab
- CHEM 1041 / 1041L Gen Chem II Lecture / Lab

**Physics Series**
- PHYS 1051 / 1051L Gen Physics I Lecture / Lab
- PHYS 1052 / 1052L Gen Physics II Lecture / Lab

**English Composition Series**
- ENGL 1001 English Composition
- ENGL 1012 Advanced First Year Composition

**Exercise Physiology**
- HLSC 3031 General Exercise Physiology
- HLSC 3032C Physiology of Exercise I

**Medical Terminology**
- CLAS 2031 Greek and Latin Elements in Medical Terminology
- HLSC 2012 Medical Terminology
- MA 1010 Anatomical Medical Terminology I

**Psychology Series**
- PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology
- And ONE of the following:
  - HLSC 3013 Health, Fitness and Human Behavior
  - PSYC 2051 Abnormal Psychology

**Statistics**
- STAT 1031 Introduction to Statistics

Direct questions regarding required coursework to Shelly Bellman, Program Coordinator, and (513) 558-7477 or via email: shelly.bellman@uc.edu

4. **Graduate Record Examination – Program Code 7605**  
   **Deadline: 9/1/15**

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is a standardized exam given at various locations in the United States and around the world. The GRE testing program includes a General test, the most widely used of the GREs, and Subject Tests. Subject tests are not an admission requirement for the DPT Program. The GRE general test is comprised of the following components: verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing. Applicants must take this test and have the scores sent to PTCAS by the application deadline. For information about the GRE, call 1-866-473-4373 or visit the GRE web site at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org). Please note that the exam must have been taken within the last five years. Scores should be submitted directly to the PTCAS and not to the University of Cincinnati. The DPT program code is 7605.

The suggested minimum acceptable GRE scores are listed below. A student should achieve the minimum score or higher in one testing session. No superscoring is permitted (taking the highest section scores from multiple testing attempts and creating a composite). Multiple testing attempts will be acceptable.

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5. Three Recommendations.  

Three completed recommendations are required to be submitted through PTCAS, including one from a Physical Therapist who supervised your observation hours. Recommendations from relatives, friends, or co-workers are not acceptable.

6. Observation of the Physical Therapy Profession.  

All work/volunteer hours must be completed by the application deadline, though rare exceptions have been granted on a case by case basis.

A total of 50 hours of observation/volunteer work is required in a physical therapy setting.
- 25 hours are required to be completed in an Inpatient Care setting. Completing hours in an Acute Care setting is not required but highly encouraged. Acute Care is defined as: “physical therapy is provided to individuals that are admitted to a hospital for short term patient care for reasons such as illness, surgery, accident, or recovery from a trauma. The goal in this setting is to discharge the person as soon as they are medically stable and have a safe place to go.” Retrieved from PTCAS http://www.ptcas.org/PTHours/
- The remaining 25 hours can be completed in any other PT practice setting.
- The observation hours must occur in a clinical PT setting. NO research observation hours will be considered in the required 50 hours. However, any research hours may serve to enrich your overall PT experience.

Applicants are reminded that a recommendation from someone in a supervisory role in the Physical Therapy clinic setting must also be submitted.

Professional behavior and attire is expected of all applicants during their observation hours. The department and PT program faculty and staff will not provide suggestions on facilities. To obtain volunteer experience, students can contact a physical therapy facility in their geographical area by mail, in person or by phone and inquire about opportunities for paid or volunteer work experience.

If applicants are accepted into UC’s DPT program, they cannot perform clinical rotations at a facility where they have a conflict of interest. This includes, but is not limited to facilities where:

- They previously volunteered or worked (in the Physical Therapy Department or Rehabilitation Area).
- They have a relative working in the Physical Therapy Department or Rehabilitation Area.
- They have already secured a post-graduation position.
- They or a relative have ownership.
- They know a person or persons with whom they have previously volunteered or worked will supervise them.

7. TOEFL Examination (if applicable)  

TOEFL scores are required for all students whose native language is not English. There are three possible methods for taking the TOEFL.
- Internet Based Test (iBT) – Suggested minimum score 80 out of 120.
b. Paper Based Test (PBT) – Suggested minimum score of 450 out of 677.
c. Computer Based Test (CBT) – Suggested minimum score of 200 out of 300.

(Please note that the CBT was no longer offered after September 30, 2006.)

For more information please visit: http://www.toefl.org

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION STATUS**

The admission committee does not make admission decisions until the application deadline has passed. After the deadlines, admissions are processed on a rolling basis. The admissions process to be accepted into the DPT program is competitive.

An applicant's admission score is determined by the Science and Non-Science Prerequisite GPAs, the GRE score, the recommendations, application essays, and the reviewers' overall impressions of the applicant.

Note: The UC DPT admissions process does not include an interview component at this time.

Notifications of admission will be emailed and/or mailed through the US Post Office between December 2015 – May 2016. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure that the e-mail address and permanent address provided on the PTCAS application is current and up to date. Applicants will receive one of three decisions: selected for admission (accepted), not selected for admission (denied), or placed on a wait list.

Accepted applicants generally have two weeks to accept the admission offer.

*All admission decisions made by the admissions committee are final.*

**PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

The University of Cincinnati’s program incorporates traditional classwork, research, and clinical experiences. The majority of academic coursework will occur on the East campus of UC in the French East Building. There are some courses which will involve lecture, course related field trips and observations at off campus sites.

At the end of this section, you will find a sample curriculum. Please note that each year the curriculum is reviewed and revised, as appropriate. Therefore, this sample curriculum may not represent the curriculum that will be used once the student matriculates into the program.

**Accepted students will begin their coursework in summer 2016** (tentatively May 18, 2016). Calendars for registration, term dates, holidays, and exams can be found at UC’s One Stop Center http://onestop.uc.edu/calendars.html

Physical therapy education is intensive and requires motivation, commitment and hard work. Students spend an extensive amount of time each week outside the classroom for course preparation. Students must maintain a minimum program and college GPA of 3.0. In addition, students must attain a grade of at least a B or better in all coursework and satisfactorily complete all clinical experiences in order to remain in the Physical Therapy Program.

For information on program policies and procedures, please refer to the Physical Therapy Student Handbook at the following URL address: http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences/general/resources.aspx.

Please note that we annually review our handbook and make revisions as deemed appropriate. The revised handbook for the coming year should be available on the program’s website by the start of classes in the summer term. Thus, the handbook that you currently have access to may not be the handbook that will be the
The updated handbook will be distributed to students on the 1st day of class. Part of the Physical Therapy Program’s mission is to graduate students capable of performing physical therapy competently and safely. The welfare of patients is always foremost. Any student who violates program policies, the University Student Code of Conduct, and/or violates ethical or legal guidelines or does not complete program requirements may be dismissed.

Clinical Experiences are indicated in the sample course of study as PT Practice I-IV. In total, there are approximately 41 weeks of clinical experience. Clinical education is an integral part of physical therapy education. The PT Program at UC is affiliated with numerous facilities in order to offer experience in the many applications of physical therapy. These facilities include hospitals, rehabilitation centers, sports medicine centers, geriatric and pediatric centers, home health agencies, etc. During a clinical experience, a student will be assigned to a facility and work with a clinical instructor (CI) to apply the information, concepts and skills mastered in the classroom and lab to a patient situation. Many clinical sites are not in the immediate Cincinnati area and students must be prepared to attend out of town clinical-experiences. Students are responsible for all costs related to clinical experiences including, but not limited to, tuition, transportation, lodging, meals, uniforms, physical examinations, vaccinations, criminal background check, drug testing and insurance.

In addition, each student is responsible for providing his/her own transportation to clinical rotations and all required PT Program activities that occur off campus. Public transportation is not always available to the clinical place of learning. As part of the curriculum, each clinical experience requires the student to register and pay tuition for the appropriate Physical Therapy Practice course.

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**CAMPUS VISITS**

The DPT program will be sponsoring Open House sessions – refer to the department web page for upcoming events [http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences](http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences)

Interested applicants are welcome to visit our campus and take a tour of our facility.

To schedule your campus visit or to RSVP to an Open House, please contact:

Shelly Bellman, Program Coordinator  
(513) 558-7477  
shelly.bellman@uc.edu
The information included in this brochure outlines the DPT Program requirements for admission in summer 2016 and is subject to revision.

Additional student policies and procedures including essential functions are available for review in the PT Program student handbook.

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Section 504, ADA, Age Act Coordinator
340 University Hall, 51 Goodman Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0039
Phone: (513) 556-6381; Email: HRONESTP@ucmail.uc.edu

Title IX Coordinator
3115 Edwards 1, 45 Corry Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45221
Phone: (513) 556-3349; Email: title9@ucmail.uc.edu

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit http://wdcrobroelp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm for the address and phone number of the office that serves the University, or call 1-800-421-3481.

To answer additional questions you may have regarding campus life, we are providing the following phone numbers and web sites:

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
Physical Therapy
(513) 558-7477
http://www.cahs.uc.edu/departments/RehabSciences/programs/pt/about.aspx
Email: rehabsci@ucmail.uc.edu

College of Allied Health Sciences
(513) 558-7495
http://www.cahs.uc.edu/about.aspx
Email: cahs@uc.edu

College of Allied Health Sciences – Academic Advising:
http://www.cahs.uc.edu/current/advising/osa/advising.aspx

University of Cincinnati Admissions:
(513) 556-4335
http://www.grad.uc.edu/
Email: grad.info@uc.edu

One Stop Center
(513) 556-1000
http://onestop.uc.edu/?from=uctools
Email: onestop@uc.edu
We hope this brochure has answered your questions about obtaining a physical therapy education at the University of Cincinnati. Information regarding tuition fees, financial aid, etc. can be found at www.onestop.uc.edu.