ABOUT

Physical Therapy (PT) is an allied health profession that promotes optimal health and function through the application of scientific principles to prevent, identify, assess, correct, and/or alleviate acute or prolonged dysfunctions. PT’s work to help individuals reach their maximum potential and to contribute to society while learning to live within the limits of one’s capabilities.

To practice as a licensed physical therapist, an individual must be a graduate from an accredited program and pass both a national competency exam and a state licensure examination.

The UC Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is an intensive, three-year graduate program that prepares students to not only graduate, but also pass the licensing examination so that they can obtain a job as a practicing physical therapist.

• Class size is approximately 35 students, which allows for more personal interactions with our faculty.
• Multiple years of 100% first-time pass rates on the National Physical Therapy Exam.
• Award-winning faculty in the areas of both teaching and research.
• The DPT career fair helps students network with future employers.
• Opportunities for interdisciplinary international service learning in destinations such as Mexico and Nicaragua.
• One of four colleges in the University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center, which has a high reputation for training prominent health care professionals and providing cutting-edge research and patient care.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“Choosing to attend UC DPT was an easy decision for me. It has everything I was looking for in a graduate program: a smaller student-to-faculty ratio, unique service experiences, research opportunities, multiple top-ranked medical centers nearby, and an affordable price tag.”

– Ellen Foster, 1st year DPT student
Curriculum

The University of Cincinnati's physical therapy program incorporates active learning classwork, research, and clinical experiences. The program takes three years to complete and begins in the summer. The curriculum has been designed to prepare graduates to be effective contemporary practitioners in a wide variety of clinical settings. The UC DPT curriculum involves clinical rotations with over 200 nationwide clinical sites available.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

YEAR 1
- Anatomy I, II
- Intro to Interventions
- Evidence Based PT I
- Examination I, II
- Interventions I, II
- Intro to Examination
- Movement Science I, II
- Pathophysiology I
- Pharmacology
- Professional Roles I
- Physical Therapy Practice I

YEAR 2
- Evidence Based PT II
- Examination III
- Medical PCM I, II
- Musculoskeletal PCM I, II
- Neurovascular PCM I, II
- Pathophysiology II
- Professional Roles II
- Physical Therapy Practice II
- Research I, II

YEAR 3
- Clinical Management of Special Populations
- Differential Diagnosis I
- Intro to Pharmacology
- Professional Roles III
- Physical Therapy Practice III, IV
- Research II, IV

Clinical Education

One of the strengths of the UC DPT program is our evidence-based approach to clinical education. Clinical education begins the first year and involves 41 weeks of rotations in settings throughout the United States as well as a growing number of international settings. Students complete clinical rotations across multiple settings such as: outpatient, inpatient, rehabilitation, pediatrics, military, etc.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“The quality of UC DPT’s clinical education program is exceptional. Not only are there many opportunities to learn at world-class facilities, but the assignment of clinical sites is highly individualized. It is based on a one-on-one meeting where the best site for that student is identified. I ended up going to Italy for my 3rd year clinical rotation at a rehabilitation facility.”

Andrew Tran,
3rd year DPT student

- UC’s Physical Therapy program is ranked by U.S. News and World Report.
- Our DPT grads have 100% job placement within 6 months of passing the National Physical Therapy Exam. Most students obtain employment within a few weeks of graduation!
- Scholarship and graduate assistant opportunities are available.
- Ask us about our High School Early Admissions Pathway (HEAP) and Junior Early Admissions Pathway (JEAP).
Your Path Begins Here

The UC DPT program has a selective admissions process. Great care is taken to ensure that each student is right for the program and the program is right for each student.

Application Components

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00
- Completion of pre-requisite coursework
- Completion of the PTCAS Application and the university’s Graduate School supplemental application.
- Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Submission of 3 letters of recommendation. One must be from a practicing PT in the clinical field.
- Observation/volunteer hours completed in a Physical Therapy setting (50 hours min.)

Accreditation

The UC Doctor of Physical Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

A Historic University – A Tradition of Innovation

The University of Cincinnati was founded in 1819, making it one of the oldest institutions of higher learning outside of the original 13 colonies. Today, the University of Cincinnati has grown to include almost 43,000 current students and has made a name for itself as a leader in education innovation.

Just some of UC’s recent rankings include:
- Top Tier, Best National Universities (U.S. News and World Report)
- No. 1, Return on Investment (Policy. Mic)
- One of the World’s Most Beautiful Campuses (Forbes)

The UC DPT program is located in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in UC’s College of Allied Health Sciences, which also includes the departments of Analytical and Diagnostic Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nutritional Sciences and the School of Social Work.

The College of Allied Health Sciences is also a part of UC’s Academic Health Center along with the colleges of medicine, nursing and pharmacy. Teaching and research affiliates for the Academic Health Center include University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children–Cincinnati, Jewish Hospital, Christ Hospital and the UC Neuroscience Institute.

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