

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (CUW)

Concordia University Wisconsin offers a professional (entry-level) Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. The program is based on a liberal arts foundation and encompasses three years of professional education beyond a Bachelor's degree.

Mission Statement

The Concordia University Wisconsin Physical Therapy program is committed to developing physical therapists with a sound foundation in movement across the lifespan. Graduates will demonstrate excellence in collaborative, culturally competent, ethical, evidence based practice and leadership within a changing health care environment. The program seeks to foster personal and professional growth in knowledge, skills, and attitudes for Christ-centered service to Church, community, and the world.

Accreditation

The Physical Therapy Program at Concordia University Wisconsin 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: www.capteonline.org (<http://www.capteonline.org>).

General Academic Information

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is designed to help students become thoughtful, skilled and caring therapists who are autonomous providers of physical therapy services. Concordia's program emphasizes evidence-based practice and focuses on developing clinicians who will serve the community through excellence in clinical practice and understanding of the spiritual, economic, and psychological needs of the clients they serve. The program will help students develop skills to determine why an individual may have difficulty with movement, to determine whether those difficulties can be remediated by physical therapy, and to develop and implement a program which would address those concerns.

The Professional Physical Therapy Program at Concordia leads to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. This entry-level professional degree program is three full years in duration, beginning in the summer. The program is full-time and encompasses six semesters, three winterims, and three summer sessions. The curriculum combines classroom, laboratory, and supervised clinic-based instruction. No specific major is required or preferred for entry into the program provided the prerequisite classes have been met.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student/graduate will:

Goal 1: Demonstrate the knowledge and skills for entry-level practice of physical therapy (PT) as a generalist clinician

- a. Demonstrate knowledge and skills for safe clinical practice
- b. Possess entry-level knowledge and skills for patient/client management (screening, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, plan of care, interventions (procedural and educational), documentation, outcomes assessment)
- c. Value and use evidence in practice

Goal 2: Embody the multiple facets of professionalism within the clinic

- a. Follow legal and ethical standards of clinical practice
- b. Demonstrate professional behavior
- c. Demonstrate effective written, oral and non-verbal communication skills
- d. Demonstrate cultural sensitivity in clinical practice

Goal 3: Value service to the church, community, and profession

- a. Report a belief in service as a professional duty
- b. Students/graduates will report participation in service activities

Goal 4: Demonstrate knowledge and skills for adapting to changes in healthcare delivery systems

- a. Possess the ability to direct and supervise PT support personnel
- b. Possess the ability to manage financial resources (reimbursement; equipment/supplies; productivity; time management; environmental resources) within the clinic
- c. Be prepared to serve as a consultant within the healthcare system
- d. Possess the knowledge and skills related to developing prevention/health promotion programs
- e. Possess the knowledge and skills related to management of care delivery (i.e., providing patient care through direct access; collaboration with other healthcare practitioners; participation in case management)
- f. Value the role of PT in social responsibility & advocacy

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
DPT 500	Foundations of Physical Therapy	3
DPT 501	Human Anatomy I	3
DPT 502	Human Anatomy II	3
DPT 505	Kinesiology	5
DPT 510	Evidence Based Practice I	2
DPT 540	Clinical Decision Making	2
DPT 550	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I	4
DPT 555	Movement Analysis I	1
DPT 560	Intro to Professional Practice	2
DPT 565	Therapeutic Exercise	3
DPT 580	Management of Pediatric Disorders	4
DPT 584	Neuroscience I	1
DPT 585	Neuroscience II	2
DPT 586	Neuroscience III	2
DPT 602	Community Clinic I	1
DPT 609	Exercise Science I	3
DPT 610	Management of Neuromuscular Disorders I	3
DPT 611	Management of Neuromuscular Disorders-Adult	3
DPT 611 is	Management of Neuromuscular Disorders II	
DPT 612	Community Clinic II	1
DPT 615	Movement Science	4
DPT 625	Therapeutic Modalities	4

DPT 628	Clinical Problem Solving I	2
DPT 630	Clinical Problem Solving II	2
DPT 631	Clinical Problem Solving III	6
DPT 635	Evidence Based Practice II	3
DPT 650	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II	4
DPT 655	Movement Analysis II	3
DPT 659	Introduction to Management of Musculoskeletal Disorders	2
DPT 660	Management of Musculoskeletal Disorders I	4
DPT 661	Management of Musculoskeletal Disorders II	4
DPT 665	Management of Integumentary Disorders	2
DPT 675	Topics in Orthopedic Manual PT	
elective 3 credits		
DPT 676	Topics in Sports Medicine PT	3
elective 3 credit		
DPT 705	Medical Imaging	3
DPT 723	Cardiopulmonary Systems/Acute Care	4
DPT 736	Tissue/Biomechanics/Histology	3
DPT 742	Psychosocial Dimensions of Rehabilitation I	1
DPT 743	Psychosocial Dimensions of Rehabilitation II	1
DPT 744	Practice Management	2
DPT 745	Health Promotion	2
DPT 750	Selected Topics in Pediatric, Adult Neurological, and Geriatric Physical Therapy	
Elective 3 Credits		
DPT 709	Exercise Science II	2
DPT 760	Clinical Practice I	6
DPT 761	Clinical Practice II	6
DPT 786	Community Clinic III	1
Total Hours		122

Entrance Requirements

Admission to the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program is competitive. Concordia University Wisconsin will admit one class of 28 full-time students in the summer of each academic year.

Admission requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in all required sciences
- Ability to perform essential functions of a physical therapist listed at www.cuw.edu/dpt (<http://www.cuw.edu/dpt/>)
- Submit GRE scores
- Complete 40 hours of observation of a diversity of PT services

Science Prerequisites (See www.cuw.edu/dpt (<http://www.cuw.edu/dpt/>) for additional details)

- Chemistry- two semesters of sequenced courses with labs
- Physics- two semesters of sequenced courses with labs
- Human Anatomy and Physiology- two semesters offered through a Biology, Anatomy or Physiology department

Other prerequisites:

- Statistics - one semester
- Psychology - one semester

Students may apply to the program before all admission requirements and prerequisites are completed, but must be completed prior to matriculation.

Priority Admission for Concordia Undergraduate Students

Concordia offers priority admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program to students who:

- Are current, full time student at CUW or CUAA who will graduate with a Bachelor's degree from Mequon or Ann Arbor
- At the time of submitting the application, are not missing more than one prerequisite science course
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.45 in prerequisite science courses
- Submit all application materials by the PTCAS Decision deadline
- Successfully complete a personal interview
- Submit GRE scores

All prerequisite science courses must be completed at CUW/CUAA and can not be previously completed at another institution. If a CUW/CUAA prerequisite science course is repeated, the first, original grade will be considered when determining whether or not the student is eligible for priority admission. CUW/CUAA students who meet these requirements are required to take the GRE.

Fulltime students who will graduate from St Norbert College and Viterbo University who meet priority admission standards will also qualify for priority admission based on availability.

Concordia also offers accelerated admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program to students who attend the Mequon campus. Please refer to the undergraduate catalog for accelerated admission requirements.

Application Process

The Physical Therapy Department at Concordia University participates in the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service, known as PTCAS. Applicants for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program should apply online using the PTCAS application. To learn more about the PTCAS application process, please visit the PTCAS web site at www.ptcas.org (<http://www.ptcas.org/>).

Submit official GRE scores to code 7697 for the Concordia DPT program. GRE scores for code 7697 will automatically be sent to PTCAS.

Concordia does not require a supplemental application or application fee in addition to the PTCAS application and fee.

The Physical Therapy program values diversity. Applicants will not be negatively biased due to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age, disabling conditions, or marital status.

The Physical Therapy Selection Committee shall make decisions regarding the status of an application after reviewing application materials and considering feedback from personal interviews. Decisions of the committee are final.

Cost

Students pay a semester-based tuition for six semesters which is posted on the Concordia University Wisconsin website. Winterim and summer sessions are included for no additional charge. Tuition will not increase during the six semesters of the program.

APTA student membership is highly recommended for all students. Current student membership rates are available on the APTA website at www.apta.org (<http://www.apta.org>).

During the clinical education portion of the curriculum, students may be required to leave the Milwaukee area. It is difficult to estimate these expenses, as it cannot be predetermined where the students will complete their clinical internships. Additionally, during the academic work, students will need to have transportation available to leave campus for clinical experiences. Some of the off-campus educational experiences will require a fee.

Concordia University Wisconsin student malpractice insurance is included in the tuition.

Financial Aid

Federal student loans are available to graduate students seeking degrees who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Students may apply online at www.fafsa.gov (<http://www.fafsa.gov>). Concordia's school code is 003842. Students are eligible for Federal Student loans and Graduate PLUS loans to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees, transportation, and living expenses.

Students are eligible to apply for loans and scholarships from the APTA, WPTA, and some local and national Physical Therapy agencies. The Physical Therapy Faculty and Financial Aid Office can help provide information on these programs.

Concordia University will be seeking approval for the Bridge Doctor of Physical Therapy (bDPT) degree program from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) in 2021. Following approval, details regarding the bDPT program will be posted.

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