

# **Physical Therapy Profession**

Physical therapists optimize movement through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and personal face-to-face meetings or online client consultation. Physical therapists develop individualized treatment plans to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability. Physical therapists work with individuals to prevent the loss of mobility before it occurs by developing fitness and wellness programs to promote healthy, active lifestyles and enhance quality of life.

### **Degree Programs**

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science has two degree programs that promote learning through self-discovery and critical thinking. Graduates are characterized by their ability to solve clinical and scientific problems and become leaders within their profession.

#### **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)**

The DPT program is the entry-level professional degree for clinical practice. This three-year equivalent program, delivered in 2.5 years, focuses on developing the clinical examination, evaluation, and treatment skills needed to provide care to clients across the lifespan and in a variety of settings. Graduates are highly sought after by a variety of healthcare settings, excel in their licensing exam, and become leaders in the healthcare communities.

#### PhD in Rehabilitation Science

The PhD program is designed to advance the student's abilities to independently develop and conduct research projects that advance the scientific basis for the prevention, evaluation and treatment of impairments, functional limitations, and disability. This research-intensive program in rehabilitation science is ideal for new graduates, experienced clinicians, engineers, healthcare providers, and bioscience students looking for a career in research or teaching.



# Why Iowa?

#### **Academic Medical Center**

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is situated within the UI Carver College of Medicine, one of four branches that make up University of Iowa Health Care, Iowa's only academic medical center.

### **Nationally Ranked**

#4 in Best Physical Therapy Programs by U.S. News & World Report

Rated a "Best Value DPT Program" by healthgrad.com

### **Setup for Success**

Our students have achieved a firsttime pass rate of 99.7% on the national licensure exam.

# **100% Employment Rate**

Within six months of graduation

## **Financial Support**

All our students receive scholarships and clinical work-study to reduce the cost of education.

#### **Excellence in Discovery**

Faculty-initiated federal research grants exceed approximately \$3 million annually.

### Accredited

By the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education



# Curriculum

- The DPT program is a condensed 2.5 year program including clinical education experiences.
- Traditional and nontraditional classroom environments are enhanced through hands-on lab activities, interprofessional interactions, patient simulations, research experiences, and community engagement opportunities.
- Clinical education experiences are threaded throughout the curriculum, beginning in the first semester.
- Core faculty include practicing clinicians, leaders in education, and distinguished scientists.
- Adjunct faculty include subject matter experts from across the Carver College of Medicine and the field of physical therapy.

# Admissions to the DPT Program

The University of Iowa participates in the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Applications for admission are accepted beginning July 1 each year until December 1. Applicants who apply early and by September 15 will be given priority status in our admissions process.

Admission to the DPT program is contingent on completion and success of the following components:

- Baccalaureate degree and all prerequisite course work from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.
- · Prerequisite course requirements (see website for details)
  - Bioloav
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Anatomy
  - Physiology
  - Mathematics
  - Statistics
  - Psychology
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Selected applicants are invited to campus for a personal interview.



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