

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The art of learning to help people take steps towards rehabilitation and recovery.



The Physical Therapy program is extremely well rounded, preparing you for as much as possible in a world that is unpredictable.

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Biology '15
Doctor of Physical Therapy '17

COMMITMENT

Students are involved in a variety of projects on campus and in the community: Take Away Hunger, Wheels for the World, Adopt a Highway, Mentor Dubuque at Hillcrest Family Services, Human Body Bee, Clarke Organization of Student Physical Therapists, Inspiration Stables, and the Dubuque Fraternal Order of Eagles "Eyes on the Future" Committee.

This degree is the beginning of your doctoral journey. The Doctor of Physical Therapy program requires an undergraduate degree in a complementary area of study such as athletic training, psychology, biology, chemistry, or business.

YOUR PATH TO DPT

ATHLETIC TRAINING (AT)

This health care profession has similar techniques used by physical therapists in the areas of treatment and rehabilitation. You will learn patient interactions and evaluation methods as an AT major that will be helpful as you move to the DPT.

BIOLOGY OR CHEMISTRY

The importance of the basic sciences needed to succeed in DPT is evident in the fact that many of the prerequisites for the DPT, as well as four of the courses required during the first year, are a part of the biology or chemistry programs.

PSYCHOLOGY

This major focuses on the intricacies of behavior and mental processes so that students not only acquire greater understanding of themselves, but they also gain enhanced knowledge of others. In the practice of physical therapy, understanding the psychosocial variables that contribute to treatment success is a critical component of professional practice.

BUSINESS

The business major allows you to explore a different field of focus. You will discover the different areas of business as well as stay on track toward a DPT degree with a range of leadership skills.

The Physical Therapy Department at Clarke University 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.apta.org.





22%

Percent that employment of physical therapists is projected to grow from 2018 to 2028.



100%

Clarke physical therapy graduates have a 100% job placement rate and board pass rate for licensure.



\$87,930

The 2018 median pay for physical therapists, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
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COOL CLASSES

ADVANCED SPECIALTY — You'll study theory, research, and clinical practice in sports or women's health.

ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS IN PT — This course involves examination and intervention for patients with orthotic and prosthetic needs as well as construction and application of biomedical devices.

PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY — This class is designed for students who are interested in working with children's rehabilitation and recovery.

YOUR DPT EXPERIENCE

This program is an accelerated 3+3 program in which you can finish your undergraduate and Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in six years. Clarke has a 10-table, medical school-quality cadaver lab that gives students an opportunity to learn with the best resources.

The DPT program features a national network of clinical education sites at some of the top clinics and medical centers in the country. Each student is required to do 40 weeks of internship work. You'll gain early exposure to patients with Clarke's pro-bono "practicum" clinic.



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