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Physical Therapy Department
Open House


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Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
Program


- 6½ years of study
 - 3 ½ years: Bachelor's degree of student's choice
 - 3 years: Graduate DPT program
- Students accepted as freshmen
- No need to reapply for graduate program
 - Guarantee of progression if academic criteria met



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Academic Criteria for Guarantee


- Overall GPA ≥ 3.2
- At least C in all DPT prerequisite courses
- GPA in DPT prerequisite Natural Science courses ≥ 3.0
- Completion of Bachelor's degree
- Medical terminology competency
- Observation hours (total of 50 hours, 2 different settings)



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Undergraduate Programs

- Students pursue Bachelor's degree in any program offered by University
- List of potential courses (with Pre-DPT Specialization):
<https://catalog.misericordia.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=254>
- All majors with Pre-DPT specialization include DPT prerequisite courses



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DPT Prerequisite Courses

- Chemistry (2 semesters)
- Physics (2 semesters)
- Anatomy & Physiology (2 semesters)
- Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology



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Physical Therapy Accreditation

- First accredited: 1996
- Most recent reaccreditation: 2010
- Currently:
 - Self study – January 2020
 - Site visit – June 2020
 - Very positive site visit report
 - Accreditation commission will meet in November 2020



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Licensure

- Program graduates eligible to take national licensing examination
 - Two year ultimate pass rate (2017, 2018): 95.37%
 - First-time pass rate (2019): 97.7%



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Clinical Education in Graduate DPT Program

- Part-time integrated clinical experiences:
 - Semesters 1, 2, 3
- Full-time clinical education (total 34 weeks):
 - Summer, DPT year 2: 12 weeks
 - Fall, DPT year 2: 10 weeks
 - Fall, DPT year 3: 12 weeks



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Physical Therapy Faculty

- All required courses taught by full-time Physical Therapy faculty members
- 12 full-time faculty
 - All are physical therapists with doctoral degrees
 - Five are certified clinical specialists
 - One is a fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists






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Criteria for Admission to Physical Therapy


- Rank in top 1/3 of class
- Standardized test score:
 - SAT: Minimum total score of 1130
 - ACT: Minimum composite score of 23
- Successful completion of:
 - 3 years mathematics
 - 1 year biology
 - 1 year chemistry
- Encouraged:
 - High school preparation in Physics
 - Exposure to physical therapy




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Other Admission Information

- Number of applications received:
 - Average for past 3 years – 240
- Number of students offered admission:
 - 75-90
- Goal for first year Pre-DPT class size: 60
- Deadline for submitting application: No






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Other Resources

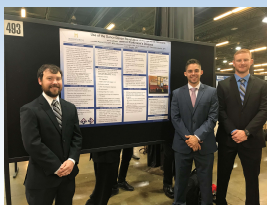
- Licensure:
 - Contact information for state boards of physical therapy, licensure exam information:
 - <http://www.fsbpt.org>
- DPT degree and education:
 - <https://www.apta.org/your-career/careers-in-physical-therapy/becoming-a-pt>
 - <https://www.choosept.com/Default.aspx>



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Further Information about MU DPT Program

- Doctor of Physical Therapy website:
 - <https://www.misericordia.edu/physical-therapy>



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Further Information about Admission to the PT program at MU:

- Admissions Office
- Phone: (570) 674-3349
- Email: admiss@misericordia.edu



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