Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

UE is committed to providing exceptional evidence-based physical therapy education, service, and research. This commitment is demonstrated by our positive student and faculty relationships and strong local community support. The program is nine semesters taught over 36 months, with a mid-May start each year and students attending classes or in clinical training year round.

The UE Experience

Why choose the University of Evansville’s DPT program?

- High pass rate on the national physical therapy licensure exam (98 percent for the last six years).
- Local-to-global clinical sites for hands-on experience.
- DPT faculty members are recognized internationally, hold multiple board certifications in orthopaedics, pediatrics, neurology, geriatrics, and sports physical therapy, and are actively involved in clinical practice and research.
- Stone Family Center for Health Sciences offers advanced technologies and interprofessional education.
- 100 percent job placement for graduates successfully completing state mandated exams.
- $30,000 Scholarship ($10,000 annually) offered to all admitted students.

“I cannot imagine my PT experience being anywhere other than UE. I still remain in contact with many of my professors, and every time I come back to visit I feel right at home. There is just something about UE. It is such a tight-knit family, and I honestly have not met people who challenge and support you to go above and beyond the best version of yourself in the way the UE DPT faculty does.”

Katlyn Baker, PT, DPT ’18
Neurological PT Resident, Ohio State University

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Program Admission

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) application cycle each year is July 1 through October 1.

All applications to the DPT program at the University of Evansville must be made through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) at www.PTCAS.org. Qualified applicants will be invited to campus for an interview day held traditionally on the first Saturday of December.

Admission into the DPT program is highly competitive. 50 students are admitted to the program each year. The minimum requirements for application include the following:

- A minimum prerequisite GPA and cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale.
- Completion of 4 of the 7 science prerequisite courses at the time of application.
- Completion of all program prerequisites prior to entering the program.
- Required prerequisite courses include:
  - General Biology with lab – 4 credit hours
  - Anatomy and Physiology with lab – 8 credit hours
  - General Chemistry with lab – 8 credit hours
  - Physics with lab – 8 credit hours
  - Psychology – 3 credit hours
  - Medical Terminology – 1 credit hour
  - Statistics – 3 credit hours
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university at the time of matriculation.
- Two letters of recommendation, one each from a professor within your major and a licensed physical therapist the applicant has observed.
- 60 verified observation hours in a minimum of two PT settings.

Clinical Education

Clinical education is integrated throughout the DPT curriculum. Students participate in four full-time clinical internships that are up to fourteen weeks in length. UE has partnerships with over 230 clinical facilities across the United States and internationally in Belize, England, Italy, Mexico, and Taiwan. Students also have the opportunity to practice their clinical skills in the Ace CARE + PT clinic on campus. Ace CARE is a volunteer, student-led organization that serves the uninsured and vulnerable populations in the Evansville community.

Residencies

UE offers residency opportunities in the areas of sports, neurologic, acute care, and orthopedics.

“The connections I had made while at UE and completing the sports residency helped connect me with my first job in the sports world at EXOS/Athletes’ Performance. Being able to learn from and receive guidance from Dr. Kiesel and Dr. Plisky enabled me to have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed. It was their networking and mentoring that allowed my career to not only be fast tracked to the professional sports world but to also succeed in the high-pressure environment.”

Thomas Knox, PT, DPT ’09, SCS, COMT, CSCS
Physical Therapist, St. Louis Cardinals