Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

The DPT program is a six- or seven-year curriculum that involves three or four years of prerequisite and undergraduate course work followed by three years of professional study. Popular undergraduate majors include exercise science, health services administration, interdisciplinary studies, neuroscience, and public health.

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 inter-professional education.

“As an employer, I look to hire therapists who are hard-working and have good communication skills. I know Evansville students have completed a challenging, liberal arts-based education that makes them well-rounded, well-prepared employees.”

Pat Wempe, PT ‘88
Owner of ProRehab

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Types of Careers

University of Evansville DPT students graduate with the skills needed to make a profound impact on the lives of patients they serve. Our graduates have a 100 percent employment rate as physical therapists throughout the country and abroad.

Ace CARE is a student-run organization that seeks to meet the physical therapy and/or wellness needs of the uninsured under-insured, and vulnerable populations of the Evansville community. Pro Bono services include an outpatient physical therapy clinic and group exercise classes.

"Ace CARE connected us with the community in a real way. In addition to leadership experience and practicing professionalism, Ace CARE revealed to us the type of work we are passionate about. That is the purpose of Ace CARE, to connect the needs we have as students to the needs of underserved members of the community."

Kathy Shelton ’10
Co-founder of Ace CARE

International Opportunities

Many UE students choose to broaden their studies by spending a semester at Harlaxton College (UE’s living, learning center in Grantham, England), or at other universities around the world. UE’s curriculum is tailored so undergraduate students are able to spend a full semester abroad and still graduate in four years. DPT students have also completed clinicals in Belize, England, Italy, Mexico, and Taiwan.

Direct Entry

Direct entry admission into the DPT Program is available to high school seniors. To be considered for direct entry, students must submit the application for admission to the University by November 1 and score a 26 or higher on the ACT or a 1240 SAT composite score. Students who meet the criteria will be invited to PT Direct Entry Day, which is held in late November.

Students chosen for direct entry will have a spot reserved for them in the DPT program following three or four years of undergraduate course work. Additional information about direct entry and maintaining direct entry status as an undergraduate student is available at www.evansville.edu/majors/physical therapy/freshman.cfm.