

PHYSICAL THERAPY

DEGREE OFFERED: Bachelor of Science Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

CAREER SNAPSHOT

Physical therapists work directly with people to enhance movement and foster optimal health and functional ability. Patients include those who have sustained injury or illness, have developmental deficits, have age-related problems or need preventive care.

Physical therapists examine and evaluate patients to determine functional abilities. They plan therapy programs to improve function by increasing strength, endurance, balance, coordination and range of motion. Physical therapists work with all systems of the body, and treat patients of all ages in a variety of settings. Clinical settings include hospitals, rehab centers, private practices, universities, extended care facilities, sports medicine centers and corporate or industrial health centers.

UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OFFERS:

- The Integrated Standardized Patient Examination (ISPE) at the end of the first and second years helps students practice clinical skills in a structured way before their early clinical education courses.
- Integrated Clinical Experiences allow students to spend time in clinical settings early in the curriculum, interacting with patients and clinicians to build confidence and improve communication skills.
- Many opportunities for interprofessional service projects.
- Evidence-based practice principles are emphasized throughout the curriculum.
- Faculty : student ratio is excellent; small class sizes.
- With the DPT program's move into Upstate's New Academic Building, students have access to sophisticated learning spaces, in addition to the existing Clinical Skills Center and Anatomy Lab on campus.
- State University of New York tuition

CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students have short-term, integrated clinical experiences as well as 36 weeks of full-time clinical education experiences throughout the program. This includes two 10-week clinical experiences in the final semester. The full-time experiences occur in four different practice settings.

LICENSES AND ACCREDITATION

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.



OUTCOMES

We have strong performance on licensing exams and excellent job placement. Our graduates consistently score higher than New York State and national average on first-time and ultimate passing rates on licensing exams.

"The faculty provide resources and materials to make sure all students succeed. That's what they want and it's evident that's what they're here for, to make sure all students become the best therapists possible."

—Anne Reilly, DPT,
Cayuga Medical Center

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