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General Information

The UNLV Transitional DPT program is intended only for the benefit of past UNLV physical therapy alumni. There are other Transitional DPT programs across the country that clinicians within the Las Vegas area or abroad may wish to pursue if a DPT is desired. Alumni seeking admission to the Transitional DPT Program, a minimum of one year post graduation, will need to submit a processing fee to the Graduate College along with their application forms. The Transitional program will begin Summer 2007.

Applicants are required to demonstrate one year of professional experience in physical therapy practice (letter of documentation from supervisor) and provide evidence of current physical therapy licensure in the state of practice. Applicants must receive approval from the Department of Physical Therapy prior to enrollment, if wishing to replace continuing education courses for specific DPT classes. A limit of two courses may be waived with appropriate continuing education. However, the applicant must submit a description and certificate regarding the continuing education course(s) and pass (83%) a proficiency/competency examination prior to or on the first day of class with the assigned instructor. The proficiency/competency examination should be scheduled with the assigned instructor. Students are responsible for payment of tuition and fees related to waived courses.

The Department of Physical Therapy is committed to assisting students seeking the Transitional DPT degree by providing several alternative classes through 2009. The alternative classes will fall on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and may consist of part or the entire course on-line. Following the 2009 Spring semester, Transitional DPT students may have to continue the program by following the traditional class format. Other considerations may be provided for the Summer 2009 semester upon the Physical Therapy Chair's consent. The application deadline is January 31 for Summer or Fall classes, while the spring deadline is November 15.

Students will be required to take the following 14 credits of didactic coursework or equivalent (continuing education courses may be acceptable under aforementioned conditions):

- DPT 791 - Applied Research Statistics (3 credits)
- DPT 757 - Wound Care (2 credits) *or 30 hours of Continuing Education Courses (CEC)*
- DPT 725 - Evidence-Based Clinical Practice (2 credits)
- DPT 788 - Spine Examination and Intervention (3 credits) *or 45 hours of CEC*
- DPT 751 - Women's Health in Physical Therapy (2 credits) *or 30 hours of CEC*
- DPT 758 - Diagnostic Testing & Imaging (2 credits) *or 30 hours of CEC*

Additionally, the following 2 courses, consisting of 6 credits, will be required:

- DPT 798 - Directed Research (1-6 credits)
- DPT 795 - Independent Study (1-3 credits)

Course Descriptions

DPT 791 – Applied Research Statistics (3 credits)

Review of foundations, concepts of measurement, and design in clinical research. Emphasis on hands-on data analysis of clinically relevant physical therapy research designs including descriptive statistics, statistical inference, analysis of differences, and analysis of relationships.

PTS 757 Wound Care (2 Credits)

Advanced clinical practice of wound care including assessment tools, dressings and treatment approaches. Processes and diseases most frequently encountered in physical therapy practice specializing in wound care.

DPT 725 – Evidence-Based Clinical Practice (2 credits)

Synthesis of didactic material and critical review of the literature combined for effective treatment applications. Complex patient assessment and treatment across all areas emphasizing multifaceted evidence-based rationale for all treatment approaches.

DPT 788 Spine Examination and Intervention (3 Credits)

Advanced assessment and treatment techniques of the cervical, thoracic, lumbar spines to include the pelvis and sacroiliac joints. The lab portion of this course is designed to allow students to obtain hands-on training in these techniques.

DPT 751 Women's Health in Physical Therapy (2 Credits)

Ob/gyn assessment skills for the physical therapist and treatment planning for obstetric or gynecological patient. Includes discussion on anatomic and physiologic changes of pregnancy, pregnancy-induced pathology, high-risk pregnancy, cesarean childbirth, gynecological pathology, incontinence, pelvic pain and pelvic floor dysfunction.

DPT 758 – Diagnostic Testing & Imaging (2 credits)

Presentation of diagnostic tests used by disciplines and specialties within and outside of the profession of physical therapy. Discussion of blood studies, nuclear medicine studies, and radiologic/X-ray studies. Interpretation of test results as it applies to physical therapy evaluation, intervention planning and treatment.

DPT 798 Directed Research (1-6 Credits)

Critical inquiry through participation in new or on going projects with faculty or area clinicians. The student and instructor will work together to identify a scope of work and specifications for contractually agreed-to due dates. All students will summarize their own research or the portion of the project in which they participated.

DPT 795 Independent Study (1-3 Credits)

Course allows students to pursue a topic related to physical therapy beyond that covered in the graduate curriculum. Satisfactory completion of the course requirement will be accomplished through individualized, self-directed study. Topics based on student preferences and faculty approval. Faculty and student jointly determine goals, objective and evaluation methods. May be repeated for credit with change in topic and with permission of the Program Director.

Application Instruction Guide

Please read the following instructions carefully. The following guide has been developed in an effort to help complete the application in its entirety by the January 31st or November 15th deadline. The Department of Physical Therapy is unable to consider any applications that are incomplete after the above mentioned deadlines; therefore read the following instructions carefully, allow ample time to complete the application process, and mail the application in advance of the deadline.

1. Graduate College Application

In order to apply to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate Program for the Transitional DPT, the applicant must apply to the Graduate College. The Graduate College Application is not included in this packet. Applications for the Graduate College can be obtained through the Graduate College web site: <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/> (click on the red "APPLY ONLINE" icon).

Provide the following information to the Graduate College:

- Completed Graduate College Application form
- Non-refundable \$60 processing fee paid via credit card

2. Department of Physical Therapy Application

The following information should be sent to the Department of Physical Therapy:

- Completed application form (included in this packet)
- Documentation of one year of professional experience from a supervisor
 - Letter addressed to the Department of Physical Therapy on official facility letterhead
- Evidence of current physical therapy licensure in the state of practice
 - Copy of a license(s)
- If attempting to replace continuing education courses for specific DPT classes, provide the following with application:
 - Description of the course(s) with documented hours
 - Copy of the certificate for the continuing education course(s)

The above information should be mailed in the envelope provided to the UNLV Department of Physical Therapy at this address:

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3. Deadline Procedures

The application deadline is January 31 for Summer or Fall classes, while the spring deadline is November 15. Required information for each application file for the Graduate Admissions office and the Department of Physical Therapy must be postmarked by the aforementioned dates.

4. Submission Procedures

Submit online for the graduate college as described above in number 1 and to the Department of Physical Therapy as described above in number 2. Please proceed with the application process for both the Graduate College and the Physical Therapy department simultaneously.

5. Graduate College Confirmation

Applicants will receive notice from the Graduate College confirming receipt of the application. The Graduate College will in turn forward the information to the Department of Physical Therapy. Students are recommended to contact the Graduate Admissions office if receipt is not received.

6. Department of Physical Therapy Application Confirmation

Applicants will receive notice from the Department of Physical Therapy confirming receipt of the application or a notification regarding incomplete applications. Students are recommended to contact the Department of Physical Therapy if receipt is not received. Students may consider sending their application package via registered mail or a commercial carrier for confirmation of delivery.

7. Admissions Committee Procedures:

Applications are processed after each deadline. Students will be contacted via mail or e-mail of acceptance.

8. Application Checklist

- Completed UNLV Graduate College Application**
- UNLV Graduate College Processing Fee (\$60.00)**
- Completed Department of Physical Therapy Application Form**
- Documentation of One Year of Professional Experience**
- Copy of a Current Physical Therapy License(s)**
- If Attempting to Replace Continuing Education Courses for Specific DPT Classes, Provide the Following with Application Information:**
 - **Description of the course(s) with documented hours**
 - **Copy of the certificate for the continuing education course(s)**

9. Assistance with the application process:

Please contact the Department of Physical Therapy with any questions at (702) 895-3003.