Acquire the clinical, professional and critical inquiry skills you'll need for a career as a physical therapist.

UND's competitive and highly-successful physical therapy program is accredited by the CAPTE. 100% of our licensed physical therapy graduates report employment within 12 months of graduation.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Doctoral Degree  
Format: On-campus  
Est. time to complete: 6.5 years | 3 years pre-PT and 3.5 years professional program  
Credit hours: 90 (pre-physical therapy); 125 (professional program)

Why Earn a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy at UND?

Physical therapists provide services to those who have impairments, activity limitation and participation restrictions related to environmental or personal factors. Through UND's physical therapy doctoral program, you'll be able to:

- Gain hands-on clinical experiences crucial to your development as a physical therapist.
- Demonstrate the skills necessary for the entry-level practice of physical therapy.
- Provide service to the community and/or to the profession.
- Develop skills for life-long learning and critical inquiry related to clinical and basic science research.

The first three years of the curriculum are considered pre-physical therapy. The professional education component of the D.P.T. requires three years and two summer sessions beyond meeting pre-physical therapy requirements.

The program is a competitive, accepting only 52 students per year.

Pre-PT

UND's Pre-Physical Therapy program is recommended for all incoming freshmen. The three-year program provides the building blocks in your application to the D.P.T. program.

CAPTE Accreditation

The Physical Therapy program at UND is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Application Deadlines

FALL: DEC 15

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Physical Therapy D.P.T.

- Participate in direct delivery of physical therapy services in a variety of settings.
- Choose from over 250 clinical sites across North Dakota and the U.S.
- Take classes in the state-of-the-art School of Medicine & Health Sciences building.
- Gain advanced knowledge and skills in the Sports Physical Therapy Residency program.

Careers as a Physical Therapist

94%
Two year average, first time pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Exam (2018 & 2019)

100%
Percentage of licensed graduates report employment within 12 months of graduation (2017 & 2018)

Physical therapists assist patients in restoring health; alleviating pain; and examining, evaluating, and diagnosing changes in physical function and health status. Physical therapists are also involved with intervention, prevention, and the promotion of health, wellness and fitness. They are employed by:

- Athletic facilities
- Hospitals
- Outpatient clinics
- Private practices
- Rehabilitation centers
- School systems
- Skilled nursing facilities

UND Physical Therapy Major Alumni

Graduates of the UND Doctor of Physical Therapy program can be found working at the following organizations, among others:

- Achieve Therapy and Fitness in Grand Forks, N.D.
- Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater, Minn.
- Physical Therapy Center of Wyoming
- RehabAuthority in Fargo, N.D.
- Spooner Physical Therapy in Phoenix
- St. Luke's Health Systems in Boise, Idaho