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**INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Accreditor:** Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
**Carnegie Classification:** Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)

**PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:**

**Date of Initial Accreditation:** Bachelor's degree, September 1972 (no longer offered) Master's degree, September 1990 (no longer offered) DPT degree, May 2000

**Current Accreditation Status:** Accreditation

**Next Visit:** 2014

**Five Year History:** Accreditation

**DEGREE CONFERRED:** Doctor of Physical Therapy

**GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree is designed as a 4+3 curriculum (four years of pre-requisite study culminating in a bachelor's degree plus three years of professional coursework). A clinical doctorate degree is awarded after 36 months of full-time study. The final 20 weeks of the DPT curriculum is devoted to full-time clinical internships.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Clinical experiences for the doctoral program total 44 weeks of clinical experiences dispersed throughout the program and 20 weeks of full-time clinical internships in the final spring and summer semesters.

**FACULTY:**

There are 11 full-time faculty members. Seven of the full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees, five are certified as clinical specialists, and ten are engaged in clinical practice. Faculty are engaged in research and publication in several areas, including adaptation of the musculoskeletal system to exercise, restoration of locomotion following spinal cord injury, strength and conditioning, balance and falls in the elderly, spasticity management, and hippotherapy. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1:15.

**ENROLLMENT:**

Forty-eight students are accepted into the professional phase of the DPT curriculum each year.

**ADMISSION:**

To be considered for admission, candidates must meet the departmental requirements of 3 semester hours each of statistics, computer literacy, and technical writing, 1 hour of medical terminology, 6 semester hours of psychology; 8 semester hours each of chemistry and physics; and 22 semester hours of biological sciences (4 hours general biology, 6 hours of human anatomy and human physiology, 3 hours introductory neuroscience, 4 hours histology and 3 hours microbiology, pharmacology or pathophysiology) and hold a baccalaureate degree. Contact the department for additional information regarding specific grade point average, required observation hours, and Graduate Record Examination score

requirements.

**OUTCOMES:**

96% of admitted students graduate from the program (3-year average). 98% of graduates surveyed were employed 6 months following graduation. Passage rate for the licensure exam is 98.98% (all takers; 3-year average).

**TUITION, FEES AND FINANCIAL AID:**

Total approximate cost for tuition and fees for the DPT degree is \$30,000. Institutional, federal, and state funding is available to all students on the basis of need and availability.

**STUDENT LIFE:**

The student body is composed of a diverse cultural mix of 10,000 students. Thirty-five percent of the student body is housed on campus. Intercollegiate athletics include baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, soccer , and track. The campus is located in central Arkansas in the foothills of the Ozarks. More than 90 student organizations are available, providing numerous social and cultural opportunities.

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