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Chair**INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION:****Accreditor:** Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**Carnegie Classification:** Research Universities (high research activity)**PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:****Date of Initial Accreditation:** Bachelor's degree, July 1975 (no longer offered) Master's degree, October 1991 (no longer offered) Doctorate in Physical Therapy Degree, December 2004**Current Accreditation Status:** Accreditation**Next Visit:** 2011**Five Year History:** Accreditation**DEGREE CONFERRED:** Doctor of Physical Therapy**GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The nine (9) semester DPT graduate program is designed to educate physical therapist generalists. Elective courses provide opportunities for students to focus on specialty areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, sports physical therapy, orthopedics, and administration. Instructional methods vary from traditional to contemporary and technologically based. Nationally known physical therapist researchers provide lectures through ultra-modern distance education facilities. Annual standardized patient exercises are scheduled prior to students' full-time clinical rotation assignments. Classrooms are designed to simulate the clinical environment and hands-on learning, which facilitates students' preparation for clinical rotations. Students also have opportunities for experiential learning throughout the curriculum in a variety of settings.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

The program has many in-state, out-of-state, and international clinical affiliation contracts with a variety of practice settings. Clinical rotation assignments are integrated in the curriculum to facilitate application of previously learned didactic and laboratory skills. All students have assignments in a variety of practice settings which enhances their abilities to ultimately practice as physical therapist generalists. The Academic Clinical Coordinator may arrange for clinical opportunities in specialty areas when students have met certain clinical rotation performance criteria.

**FACULTY:**

All of the full-time core faculty have a post-professional doctorate degree, a specialty certification, and/or are matriculated in a doctoral program. Faculty are engaged in research, have a strong publication record, and are actively engaged in state, national, and international professional organizations. Support faculty from other WSU departments provide instruction on topics related to their individual specialty areas. The department has a close working relationship with Kansas University Medical School Wichita branch. In addition, the department has strong support from area clinicians who also teach in the program.

**ENROLLMENT:**

Total enrollment for Wichita State University is approximately 15,000 students. Each physical therapy class is limited to 32 students accepted for summer admission each year.

**ADMISSION:**

A baccalaureate degree is required for entry into the graduate school. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in each of the following is required: the last 60 hours of graded undergraduate academic work; required math/science courses; and all required prerequisite courses. No grade less than a C in each of the prerequisite courses following will be accepted: Basic Skills: 2 semesters of English composition and 1 semester of speech, 1 semester of Medical Terminology and evidence of computer proficiency. Math/Sciences: biology (w/lab), 2 semesters of chemistry (w/lab), 2 semesters of physics (w/lab), 5 semester hours of human anatomy and physiology (w/lab), exercise physiology, statistics, and an equivalent college trigonometry course. Social sciences: 1 introductory and 1 advanced course in psychology. Recommended courses include kinesiology, embryology, motor learning, pharmacology, dietetics, and nutrition. A minimum of 20 hours observation or work experience in physical therapy is also required for admission. Students are encouraged to seek advising or review of their transcripts if they have questions about specific requirements. Appointments for advising can be made by calling 800-370-7472, ext. 5667 for a pre-physical therapy advisor. Admission to the program is based not only on grades but also on the physical therapy admission review committee's evaluation of application materials submitted. Application packets may be obtained from our website after June 1 of the year prior to the student's desired year of admission or may be requested from the Department of Physical Therapy. Review of completed applications begins in August. The admission policy is as follows: \* Early Admission: Admission offers will be made to applicants who send a completed application packet (post marked no later than the November 15th) and the applicant meets early admission qualifications. \* Regular Admission: When applications are received after November 15th, but not later than March 15th, consideration for admission will be made on a competitive, rank-order and space available method. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

**TUITION, FEES AND FINANCIAL AID:**

Tuition is \$170.55/hr for residents, \$470.55/hr for non-residents not including other fees, books or housing. Students may apply for aid through the Office of Financial Aid, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS. 67260-0024. Several physical therapy fellowships or graduate teaching assistantships are available through the department.

**STUDENT LIFE:**

Wichita State University is distinguished from other state-supported schools in Kansas by its urban setting. Wichita State's location in the largest city in Kansas enhances the traditional classroom experience by providing students greater opportunities in resources, contacts with business and government leaders, employment, and internships. More than 90 social and special interest clubs provide opportunities for students to meet and work with others who share their interests. WSU is a Division I institution and fields teams in tennis, cross-country, basketball, track, golf, crew, soccer, and bowling, men's baseball and women's volleyball and softball. Intercollegiate athletic programs include volleyball, basketball, crew, swimming, and baseball. The Heskett Center provides many fitness, wellness and prevention opportunities for students in a well-equipped comprehensive facility including aquatics, rock climbing, and a variety of sports.

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