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Admission requirements (GPA, GRE, volunteer hours, etc.) and other program-specific information can be found on our website:

www.radford.edu/pt

Application materials via Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service and financial aid information can be found at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies website:

www.radford.edu/gradcollege

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Move Forward: Physical Therapy Brings Motion to Life



Overview

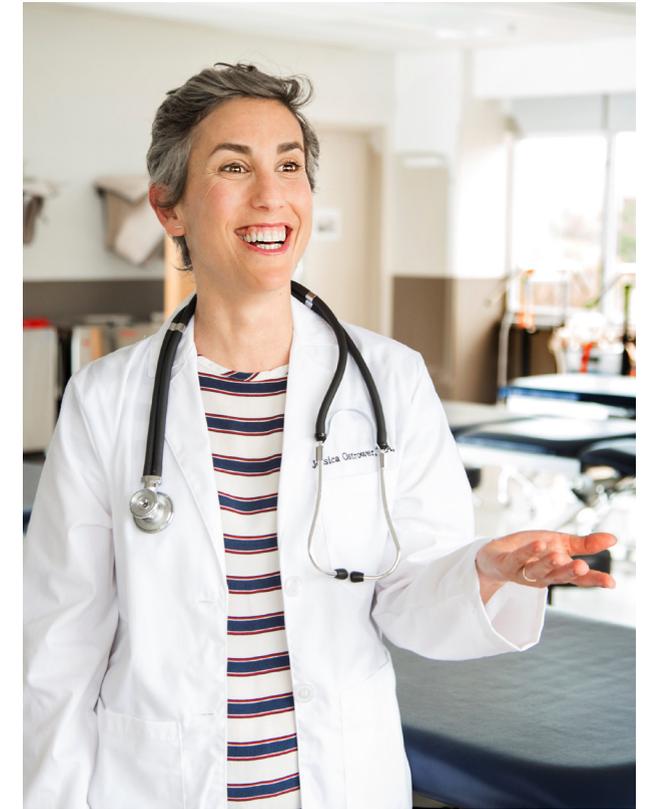
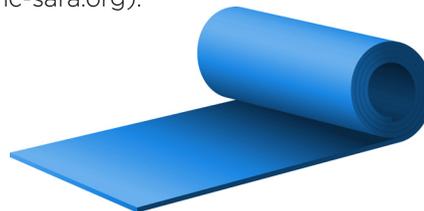
Radford University's accredited entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program combines rigorous academic scholarship with immersive clinical training for students interested in careers as autonomous practitioners of physical therapy. With a focus on serving the needs of the state and region, the program follows the practitioner-scholar model, emphasizing clinical training and evidence-based practice. We also embrace the Vision Statement for the Physical Therapy Profession, as defined by the American Physical Therapy Association: "Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience."

Curriculum

The curriculum for the three-year DPT program is designed to foster a student-focused teaching/learning environment. The curriculum is built on a simple-to-complex model, beginning with an integration of foundational and clinical sciences and progressing to complex and diverse practical learning experiences. Complex learning experiences are initiated through classroom case-based discussions; progress to participation within the Radford University Clinical Simulation Center; and culminate with three diverse clinical experiences. Participation and application of current research also stimulates practitioners to utilize evidence-based practice and pursue lifelong learning.

Clinical Experiences

Clinical experiences are designed to provide students with opportunities to apply didactic learning through real-world experiences. All three experiences are unpaid and full-time, each averaging 40 hours per week for 12 consecutive weeks during the second and third summer semesters as well as the final spring semester prior to graduation. Each clinical experience site is assigned to assure diversity and exposure to patients across the lifespan in the typical entry-level positions within outpatient, acute, inpatient rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities, as well as potential specialty areas of physical therapy practice. Each rotation is supervised by an on-site clinical instructor who is a licensed physical therapist. Radford University is a member of NC-SARA (www.nc-sara.org).



Accreditation

Radford University's Department of Physical Therapy is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to students in a number of forms. The department has three annual scholarships that are awarded through a competitive application process, as well as two annual 10-hour GA positions. At the university level, awards based on demonstrated financial need and scholarships based on leadership, character, community service and academic achievement are offered.