BHS in Pre-Professional Physical Therapy

Degree Program Description

Physical Therapy involves the evaluation and treatment of physical disability and pain that may result from injury, disease or developmental disability. Prevention of disability and public education are also roles of the physical therapist. Physical therapists use tests and measurements to assess body system dysfunction and determine diagnosis and treatment. Daily living skills, including work, are also addressed. The University of Missouri offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This degree is granted to some students who gain Advanced Admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students may not major in the BHS in Preprofessional Physical Therapy unless they have applied and been accepted for Advanced Admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. No master's degree or terminal undergraduate degree in Physical Therapy are available.

Major Program Requirements

Advanced Admission grants students the opportunity to apply to the DPT program during the junior year and enter the DPT program after completing 90 credit hours of college level coursework. Students who seek to gain early admission to the DPT program must complete a minimum of three years (six fall/spring semesters or 12 quarters of full-time enrollment) of residential coursework on a college campus prior to starting the DPT program. To be eligible to apply for advanced admission, students must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students accepted for the early admission program must complete 90 credit hours including 2 writing intensive (WI) courses, the MU general education requirements and the DPT core required courses prior to beginning their studies in the DPT program. At the time of application, students may be enrolled in no more than 2 DPT core required courses.

Semester Plan

A semester plan for this program is not available.