



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

# **Doctor of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science**

*DPT Class of 2023*

*Accepted Students*

*Online Chat*



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# Getting to know us!

## Preparing for Enrollment in the DPT program

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## *Basic Sciences I – 9 credits*

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- Provides a study of the morphology of the human body including the macro-anatomy (gross anatomy), microanatomy (histology) of the basic tissues, and provides an introduction into the mechanisms of diseases.
- Includes the study of the bones, ligaments, muscles, nerves, blood vessels, and their associated organs.
- Emphasis placed on the musculoskeletal and neuromuscular systems.
- Formal lectures, laboratory experiences (including cadaver dissections, observation of radiographs, and microscopy sessions) are supplemented by required reading, CD-ROM material and web-based resources.



[Dr. Vinnie Conroy, Assistant Professor](#)



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## *Professional Issues I – 3 credits*

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- Focuses on the orientation of the student to the Department of Physical Therapy and the American Physical Therapy Association policies and procedures.
- Designed to insure student compliance with all departmental, university, and professional regulations and guidelines for conduct.
- Lectures, discussions of the Maryland Physical Therapy Practice Act and self-directed exercises on the Guide to Physical Therapy Practice will provide the opportunity for the student to examine the ethical and professional issues surrounding physical therapy practice and conduct as a student in this program.
- Extemporaneous speaking and computer laboratory sessions with PowerPoint software to prepare to give professional presentations that can contribute to the body of physical therapy knowledge.



[Dr. Linda Horn, Director of Academic Affairs](#)

*Now that you have accepted our offer...*



## DPT Student Handbook



<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Other/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Student-Handbook/>

Each DPT student will affirm in writing their acknowledgement of the following by **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**:

- I affirm I have received notification of the location of the PTRS DPT Student Handbook
- I affirm I have read and understand the content contained within the PTRS DPT Student Handbook including the section on potential hazards.
- I affirm I have had the opportunity to asks questions/clarifications regarding the content contained with the PTRS DPT Student Handbook
- I affirm that I will abide by the policies/procedures contained within the PTRS DPT Student Handbook

*Now that you have accepted our offer...*

- **Read the Essential Requirements for Admission, Advancement and Graduation**

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Other/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Student-Handbook/#essential>

- The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of Maryland School of Medicine administers a rigorous program in preparation for a physical therapy career.
- The demands placed on the student during their time in the curriculum correspond to the expectations of entry-level physical therapists. These demands encompass the following areas: observational, communicative, psychomotor, cognitive and affective behavioral skills.

## *Now that you have accepted our offer...*

### Students with accommodations

- As per UMSOM policy, “any student who is not yet a matriculant must make requests for accommodation of disabilities within one week after accepting admission to the Department. Any matriculating student who becomes aware of a disability requiring accommodation, or of need for accommodation of a previously known disability, must request the accommodation as soon as the need for accommodation has been identified.”

<http://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/osa/handbook/>

- Please contact the **Office of Educational Support and Disability Services** (prior to enrolling) <http://www.umaryland.edu/disabilityservices/>

- Deborah Levi – Director, Office of Educational Support and Disability Services
- SMC Campus Center  
621 W. Lombard Street, Room 317  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410-706-5889 - [dlevi@umaryland.edu](mailto:dlevi@umaryland.edu)

- Disability Disclosure and Reasonable Accommodations Form:  
<https://cf.umaryland.edu/disabilityservices>

## *Now that you have accepted our offer...*

**Apply for Financial Aid** submit the FAFSA: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.**

- Include the University of Maryland Title IV code on your FAFSA: 002104
- Confirm you would like to be considered for grants, scholarships, loans and work study funds.
  
- Website: [www.umaryland.edu/fin/](http://www.umaryland.edu/fin/) ● Main Phone: (410) 706-7347 or TTY/Voice (800) 735-2258
  
- PTRS financial aid representative: **Peggy Buerhaus** [mbuerhau@umaryland.edu](mailto:mbuerhau@umaryland.edu) 410-706-2152
  
- After you have filed the FAFSA, check your e-mail account regularly. All communications and award notifications will be sent to the email address you provided when completing the UMB Supplemental Form. Please respond promptly to all communications.
  - Viewed on the Financial Aid website
    - **Click on: School Specific Aid Information → Physical Therapy → Prospective Students**
      - Budget (tuition, fees, room, board and expenses)
      - Award eligibility
      - A typical financial aid award package
      - How awards are processed

**Social Security Number** Your SSN, if provided on the UMB Supplemental Form, is not used as a student ID number. It is needed to match your FAFSA information with your admission record to complete the financial aid awarding process.

If you did not include your SSN on the UMB Supplemental Form, the awarding of financial aid may be delayed until your FAFSA information can be matched with your admission record.



## GI Bill Benefits

- Apply for your benefits via this website  
<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>
- Submit the **“Certificate of Eligibility” form**
  - Direct all questions regarding use of GI Bill Benefits to: Joyce Johnson –  
[jjohnson@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:jjohnson@som.umaryland.edu)
  - The University of Maryland, Baltimore does not participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

# REQUIRED DEVICE

- The Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science (PTRS) requires all incoming DPT Program students to purchase the device that the department specifies for their particular cohort.
- The device (Dell laptop) has been approved as a fee for all incoming classes.
- The projected cost of the device is approximately \$1,500 which includes a 4 year warranty with on-site next business day service.
- **There is no negotiation on using another device or exceptions to this policy. Students are financially responsible for the cost of the required device as soon as they matriculate into the DPT Program.**
- **This fee will appear on your tuition bill from Student Accounts.**





# Residency Classification

## Application for In-state Classification

- The determination of Maryland residency for tuition purposes is made by the UMB Office of Records and Registration. You must complete the Application for In-state Classification to determine your eligibility for in-state tuition.
- Students will complete the application on line:  
<https://www.umaryland.edu/application/>
- View the requirements for residency: <http://www.umaryland.edu/orr/residency>

Address :	Office of the Registrar Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore 601 W. Lombard St., Suite 240 Baltimore, MD 21201
Email :	<a href="mailto:registrar@umaryland.edu">registrar@umaryland.edu</a>
Fax :	410-706-4053

# Outstanding Prerequisite Courses and/or Degree requirements

## Final Official *Fall* Transcript

Successfully complete all outstanding requirements and/or degree requirements prior to the start of the DPT program. If you are enrolled in course work for the Fall semester, please send an official transcript to PTCAS upon completion of this work. <http://www.ptcas.org/UpdatingFallCourses>

## Final Official *Spring* Transcript

If enrolled in required pre-requisite courses and/or completing bachelor's degree course work for the spring semester, please send an official transcript directly to this department upon completion of the term:

- Mail to: 100 S. Penn Street, Suite 115, Baltimore, MD 21201 or *hand deliver*  
**no later than MAY 22, 2020 (noon)**

# Outstanding Prerequisite Courses or Degree requirements

## Final Official Spring Transcript

If your final grades and/or your degree will not officially be posted on a final transcript prior to May 22, 2020, you will need to do the following:

- Have your professor email [ptadmissions@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:ptadmissions@som.umaryland.edu) stating what your final grade(s) will be for the course(s), no later than (noon) May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- If you will be graduating, please have the Registrar's Office from your graduating institution, submit a letter of completion to our office, no later than (noon) May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Mail to: 100 S. Penn Street, Suite 115, Baltimore, MD 21201 or *hand deliver*  
no later than (noon) MAY 22, 2020**



## CPR CERTIFICATION

- CPR certification must include infant, child and adult resuscitation.
- Courses delivered solely via a web-based format are not acceptable.
- “Blended” format courses are acceptable: on-line instruction and in-person skills practice and testing. **Certifications must be valid on the first day of class and must remain active throughout your enrollment in the DPT program.** Students are required to provide documentation of their current CPR certification.
- The following are considered acceptable CPR certification programs:  
**Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers OR Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support:**  
[http://cpr.heart.org/AHA/ECC/CPRAndECC/Training/HealthcareProfessional/UCM\\_473185\\_Healthcare-Professional.jsp](http://cpr.heart.org/AHA/ECC/CPRAndECC/Training/HealthcareProfessional/UCM_473185_Healthcare-Professional.jsp)



## CLINICAL EDUCATION

- Curriculum aims to cultivate graduates that are generalists in the field who are able to restore physical function and performance, prevent physical injury and disease, promote wellness, and advance rehabilitation science.
- Clinical education will occur in clinically and geographically diverse settings to afford the student opportunities to experience an interdisciplinary team approach within inpatient medically-complex, elective rehabilitation specialty, and outpatient community-based settings.
- Throughout the clinical education curriculum, the student must assume many roles and corresponding responsibilities.
- Clinical Education Handbook: <http://pt.umaryland.edu/Clinical-Education/PTRS-DPT-Clinical-Education-Handbook/>

## STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

**\*\*All students will automatically be enrolled beginning in the FALL semester\*\***

- University policy requires that all full time students carry health insurance.
- If you have neither enrolled nor filed a waiver by the deadline, you will be automatically enrolled for individual coverage and charged accordingly on your tuition bill.
- Please refer to [www.gallagherstudent.com/umb](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/umb) for the enrollment or waiving process:
  - **Coverage for the Summer Semester – please contact**
    - **Student Accounting 410-706-2930**
  - Coverage for the Fall Semester is August 1-January 31
  - Coverage for the Spring Semester is February 1-July 31
- Eligibility for each semester is contingent on enrollment in classes for that semester.



## WAIVING STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

- Students who do not wish to retain the UMB Student Health Insurance Plan must file a waiver each academic year to have the charge removed from their tuition bill.
- **One waiver is required each academic year without exception.**
- **To waive your UMB student health insurance plan visit:**  
<https://www.gallagherstudent.com/students/student-home.php?idField=1356>
- If you have any questions, please contact Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk toll free at 1-844-288-4916 or through online LiveChat, by visiting [www.gallagherstudent.com/umb](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/umb).



## REGISTRATION & UMB ONE CARD

- All students will be registered for summer, by the Director of Student Services, beginning April 1

**ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED** (DPT students will be registered by the Director of Student Services), you are **REQUIRED**, as soon as possible, to complete the form on the link below in order to obtain your Student ID Card.

- Please follow detailed instructions on the link and attach “appropriate” photo. You will first receive an email indicating that your photo has been received. Then once your ID card has been made, you will receive a second e-mail indicating that you may pick up your ID card at the One Card Office prior to, during, or after Orientation Day.

<http://www.umaryland.edu/onecard/how-to-get-your-one-card/student-id-online-photo-submission/>

- Please remember you **MUST BE REGISTERED** in order for your ID to be made.
- Once you pick up your ID, you will need to email Joyce Johnson [jjohnson@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:jjohnson@som.umaryland.edu) a copy of the front and back of your ID (take a picture with your phone and email photos to Joyce).  
**THIS MUST BE DONE BY FRIDAY, May 22, 2020.**

**You will be required to present a government issued photo ID in order to verify your identity. The One Card Office is located in the SMC Campus Center Building, 621 W. Lombard Street, Lower Level, Room 004.**



# Parking, Living & Behind the Scenes Logistical Tips

**UMB Housing:** <http://www.umaryland.edu/housing/>

**Commuter Parking Options:** <http://www.umaryland.edu/parking/>

**Lexington Street Garage**

660 W. Lexington St. at the corner of Pine and Lexington streets

**Alternative Transportation:**

<http://www.umaryland.edu/parking/alternative-transportation/>

**Facebook Page Class of 2023**

Look for email from Sydney Rogers– SPT 2022

[Sydney.rogers@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:Sydney.rogers@som.umaryland.edu)

# Mark Your Calendars

## *New Student Orientation*

Attendance is mandatory and is a 2-day event

Tuesday, May 26 AND Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Tuesday, May 26

- Participate in a ropes-and-initiative course at the Outdoor Education Center on the campus of one the University System of Maryland schools. This activity is designed to allow barriers to quickly breakdown, to get to know fellow classmates, build self-esteem and develop group cohesion.

### Wednesday, May 27

- Finalize all details needed to begin studies in the DPT program. Along with the technology aspect, setting up your email account, receive a PT kit (includes backpack, polo shirt and essential tools), anatomy study guide and muscle cards (separate cost associated with both items), have the ability to purchase a parking permit, visit financial aid or the student accounting office and prepare for the challenges of PT school!

**For the rest of the 2020 calendar year, please frequent:**

**PTRS DPT Monthly Calendar:**

<https://pt.umaryland.edu/media/SOM/Departments/PTRS/docs/PTRS-DPT-Monthly-Calendar-2020.pdf>



- ◆ **MARCH 1** – FASFA deadline – All incoming students must file a FASFA
- ◆ **MAY 22** – ALL FINAL TRANSCRIPTS AND GRADES MUST BE RECEIVED...**NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ◆ **MAY 26** – DAY 1 ORIENTATION – ROPES CHALLENGE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY (**MANDATORY**)
- ◆ **MAY 27** – DAY 2 ORIENTATION – AHB (**MANDATORY**)
- ◆ **MAY 28** – FIRST DAY OF ANATOMY (BS1) – Davidge Hall
- ◆ **MAY 29**
  - ◆ PTRS DPT Student Acknowledgement of DPT Student Handbook Form due
  - ◆ PTRS DPT Student Honor Code Signature Form due
  - ◆ APTA registration form due (PTRS provides form)



## LINKS

[pt.umaryland.edu](http://pt.umaryland.edu)

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Other/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Student-Handbook/>

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Other/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Student-Handbook/#essential>

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Student-Information/Prospective-Students/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-DPT-Program/>

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Student-Information/Current-Students/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-DPT-Program/DPT-Class-of-2023>

<http://www.umaryland.edu/studenthealth/university-administered-insurance-plans/>

<http://pt.umaryland.edu/Clinical-Education/PTRS-DPT-Clinical-Education-Handbook/#purpose>

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