

Master of Public Health/ Doctor of Physical Therapy at Arcadia University

Global Perspectives...Personal Attention...Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

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Dual Degree Program

**Master of Public Health and Doctor of
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About Arcadia's Dual Degree Program in Public Health and Physical Therapy

With dual degrees, students gain knowledge in two fields as they prepare for their professional careers.

Arcadia's College of Health Sciences has nationally recognized health care, science and business programs that make the world a laboratory by providing real-world, integrative learning experiences. Graduate programs use evidence-based research and project-based learning to prepare health care and business professionals for a rapidly changing global environment. Applied and pro bono clinical research, clinical rotations, international fieldwork, and multicultural assessment are threaded through the curricula. Graduate students also conduct research and publish with expert faculty in many fields.

Dual degree candidates must be accepted into each of the programs in order to pursue dual degrees: *Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)* and *Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)*.

Physical therapy is a health care profession whose practitioners evaluate, treat and instruct individuals in order to prevent or overcome the effects of disease or injury. Physical therapists work in a variety of settings, including acute care hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient centers, individual homes, skilled

nursing facilities and public school systems. Physical therapists also work as educators, researchers and consultants. Physical therapy is an integral part of today's changing health care system, and a dual degree in Public Health can prepare therapists to address both individual needs and community-based issues.

Arcadia's entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program, where students enter with a bachelor's degree and prerequisites, is ranked 7th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

This three-year dual degree program requires students to complete a total of 147 credits and is a year-round program where students earn 111 credits for the D.P.T. program and 36 credits for the M.P.H. program.

Admission to the Master of Public Health Program/Doctor of Physical Therapy Dual Degree Program

Students applying for admission to the dual degree program in Public Health and Physical Therapy need to meet the admission requirements for the DPT Program and write an additional three essays for the MPH Program. Admission requirements for the DPT Program are available in this catalog under the DPT Program description. The MPH essays are listed below.

MPH essay questions.....

1. Describe yourself including perceptions of your strengths and weaknesses
2. Explain your reasons for wanting to pursue an MPH degree. Please include career goals and how you think public health will enhance your potential as a health professional.
3. Describe any work or volunteer community health-related experience

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you have had, including international experiences and work with refugee or immigrant populations within the US.

(24 credits)

Deferred Admission: Students who have secured a seat in the program and want to defer their admission for one year must submit their request to do so in writing to the Director of Physical Therapy Admissions and to the director of Community & global Public Health Programs. Deferrals will be considered on an individual basis. Once a deferral is granted, a student must submit the required deposit to reserve a seat in the class. This deposit will be credited toward tuition. A student who is granted a deferral must understand that he or she will be subject to the prevailing tuition at the time of matriculation to the program.

PBH 501	Social Determinants of Health and Disease (3 credits)
PBH 600	Introduction to Epidemiology (3 credits)
PT 605	Intro and Exposure to Physical Therapy Practice (4 credits)
PT 615	Physical Therapy Examination/Evaluation Skills I (2 credits)
PT 625	Physical Therapy Intervention Skills I (4 credits)
PT 645	Physical Therapy Integrative Care and Practice I (3 credits)
PT 675	Biomedical Foundation Sciences I (5 credits)

Expenses

Tuition and fees for the dual degree program are billed in equal increments over the program's nine semesters. Information on current costs is available at www.arcadia.edu/finaid. Financial aid is available to assist qualified students in covering tuition and related expenses, as well as living costs. Upon review for admission, students automatically will be reviewed by the academic department for a limited number of merit scholarships. Additionally, students can apply to receive the Federal Direct Stafford Loan at a fixed interest rate. In addition to the Stafford Loan, students can choose to borrow either a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or a private alternative student loan to cover remaining expenses. Graduate assistantships also may be available to those who qualify. For more information on available financial aid and how to apply, visit www.arcadia.edu/finaid and click on Graduate.

SPRING YEAR 1 (25 credits)

PBH 620	Introduction to Biostatistics (3 credits)
PT 616	Physical Therapy Examination/Evaluation Skills II (4 credits)
PT 626	Physical Therapy Intervention Skills II (5 credits)
PT 636	Exposure to Physical Therapy in a Health Care System (1 credits)
PT 646	Physical Therapy Integrative Care and Practice II (4 credits)
PT 676	Biomedical Foundation Sciences II (8 credits)

SUMMER YEAR 1 (20 credits)

PBH 530	Theories of Health Behavior and Health Education (3 credits)
PT 717	Physical Therapy Examination/Evaluation Skills III (2 credits)
PT 727	Physical Therapy Intervention Skills III (2 credits)
PT 747	Physical Therapy Integrative Care and Practice III (4 credits)

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FALL YEAR 1

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PT 777 Biomedical Foundation
Sciences III
(9 credits)

PT 860 Clinical Education
Experience II (6 credits)

FALL YEAR 2
(18 credits)

PBH 630 Program Planning and
Evaluation for Health
Professionals (3 credits)

PBH 640 Research Methods and
Design for Public Health
(3 credits)

PT 718 Physical Therapy
Examination/Evaluation
Skills IV (2 credits)

PT 728 Physical Therapy
Intervention Skills IV
(2 credits)

PT 738 Clinical Education
Experience I (4 credits)

PT 748 Physical Therapy
Integrative Care and
Practice IV (2 credits)

PT 778 Biomedical Foundation
Sciences IV (2 credits)

FALL YEAR 3
(9 credits)

PBH 695 Public Health Capstone
Project Seminar I (3
credits)

PT 870 Clinical Education
Experience III (6 credits)

SPRING YEAR 3
(14 credits)

PBH 689.1 Public Health Internship I
(3 credits)

PBH 696 Public Health Capstone
Project Seminar II (3
credits)

PT 805 Physical Therapy Practice
II (4 credits)

PT 869 Independent Study (2
credits*)

PT 899 Clinical Decision Making
(2 credits*)

*PBH 695/696 will be taken and counted as
the PT Electives/Independent Study PT
869/899.

SPRING YEAR 2
(28 credits)

PBH 645 Evaluation of Public
Health Programs: Case
Studies (3 credits)

PBH 560 Community and
Environmental Health (3
credits)

PT 819 Physical Therapy
Examination/Evaluation
Skills V (6 credits)

PT 829 Physical Therapy
Intervention Skills V (6
credits)

PT 849 Physical Therapy
Integrative Care and
Practice V (4 credits)

PT 879 Biomedical Foundation
Sciences V (6 credits)

SUMMER YEAR 2
(9 credits)

PBH 510 Health Care Systems (on-
line) (3 credits)