

Physiotherapy

As a qualified UCD physiotherapist, you will be in a position to pursue one of the most rewarding of careers. You will provide services to people to develop, maintain and restore their maximum physical health and movement, and ultimately improve their quality of life.



Why UCD Physiotherapy?

The full-time UCD BSc Physiotherapy degree programme is fully accredited by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists. As a student of Physiotherapy at UCD, you will benefit from the modern and progressive facilities at the School itself, as well as the UCD Institute for Sport and Health. The Institute includes two state-of-the-art research laboratories where you can comprehensively study the physiological and biomechanical analysis of human performance in health and sport.

In our fully equipped clinical skills laboratories, you will also benefit from clinical teaching in small groups, where you will acquire skills under the tuition of highly qualified staff. In addition to campus-based learning, you will gain practical hands-on experience through clinical placements in UCD teaching hospitals and other clinical centres throughout Ireland. There are opportunities to study abroad for a semester, as part of an Erasmus exchange programme, and to undertake clinical placements in Europe, Africa, the USA, Canada, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

Your First Year Experience

Your first year in Physiotherapy will cover a broad spectrum of basic, applied and clinical sciences. These modules will provide you with the core knowledge you require for your degree course. You can also choose elective modules which give you the freedom and flexibility to explore other areas that interest you.

During first year the teaching takes place mainly in the UCD Health Sciences Centre. While lectures take place in large groups, all hands-on practical physiotherapy classes are in small groups in the specially designed clinical skills laboratories. Towards the end of the year you will have the opportunity to spend time in a clinical setting, where you can put theory into practice.

This is also the ideal time to join some of UCD's many clubs and societies, and experience everything that university life has to offer.

Studying UCD Physiotherapy

Year 1

Engage with the principles

Anatomy & Kinesiology	Physics & Biomechanics
Physiology	Chemistry/Biochemistry
Basic Physiotherapy Professional Practice	Exercise

Years 2 & 3

Refine your knowledge

Neurology	Exercise	
Musculoskeletal	Psychology/Sociology	
Cardiorespiratory	Research	
Applied Physical Agents	Biomechanics	Clinical Skills
Intermediate Physiotherapy Professional Practice		

Year 4

Professional practice

Clinical Specialities & Pain	Pharmacology	Sports Exercise Physiotherapy
Optional International Professional Practice Abroad		Legal Medicine
Advanced Physiotherapy Professional Practice		Research Project

BSc Physiotherapy (Honours)

Specialise through UCD graduate study

Taught Clinical Specialist Programmes

- MSc/Graduate Diploma in Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- MSc/Graduate Diploma in Sports Physiotherapy
- MSc/Graduate Diploma/Certificate in Healthcare (Acupuncture)
- MSc/Graduate Diploma/Certificate in Advanced Physiotherapy Studies

Research

- MSc
- PhD

Eligibility for registration as a Chartered Physiotherapist

Shape your career with UCD Physiotherapy

Career Opportunities

- Public Health Service
- Private Practice & Hospitals
- Sport & Leisure
- Industry
- Health Promotion
- Education & Research
- Non-Governmental Agencies

Continue to develop your professional career with UCD...

Physiotherapy

BSc [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



CAO Code **DN420**

CAO Points Range 2013 545 — 625
Length of Course 4 Years
Places 56

Entry Requirements English • Irish • Mathematics • One laboratory science subject • One other recognised subject

Leaving Certificate Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3

A-Level/GCSE 2013 A*A*A*C or equivalent
Passes [GCSE Grade C or above] in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C or above at A-Level
Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175

Other EU Applicants See www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu

Non-EU Applicants See www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu

Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes — None

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Routes — None

Mature Entry Route — Yes, see p178

Health Screening & Garda Vetting See p175 for requirements

Why is this course for me?

This course leads to one of the most rewarding careers in healthcare: Chartered Physiotherapist. Physiotherapy is the study and application of the scientific knowledge and professional skills required for the promotion of optimal health and well-being of adults and children through physical means. In addition to UCD-based learning you'll spend over 1,000 hours on supervised clinical education in hospitals and clinical centres throughout Ireland and abroad (optional). UCD's full-time BSc Physiotherapy degree is accredited by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists, and will appeal to students who enjoy science and caring for people.

What will I study?

This is an overview of the modules in the programme, progressing from the basic and applied sciences in first year, to clinical skills in second and third year, and preparation for professional practice in fourth year.

First Year

Anatomy • Physiology • Physics • Biomechanics • Introduction to Professional Physiotherapy Practice • Exercise Science • Elective modules

Second Year

Basic Musculoskeletal, Cardio-respiratory & Neurological Physiotherapy • Psychology • Physiotherapy Clinical Education • Elective modules

Third Year

Intermediate Musculoskeletal, Cardio-respiratory & Neurological Physiotherapy • Clinical Exercise • Physiotherapy Clinical Education • Sociology

Fourth Year

Professional Physiotherapy Practice • Clinical Specialties • Sports Physiotherapy • Physiotherapy Clinical Education • Pharmacology • Elective modules • Dissertation



Physiotherapy clinical skills practical class

Physiotherapy students have, on average, a 35-hour week. In first and second year you'll spend your time attending lectures and practical classes. In third and fourth year the focus is on clinical education and advanced physiotherapy skills.

A wide variety of assessment methods is used, including continuous assessment, reflective writing, practical examinations, oral examinations, presentations and end-of-semester written papers.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Graduates in Physiotherapy have found employment in different roles across the world, in:

Hospitals and private practice • Primary care • Rehabilitation centres and nursing homes • Non-governmental organisations (e.g. GOAL, Concern) • Education • Business, sport and leisure industries

Graduates can also apply for a range of disciplinary and general graduate taught (graduate certificate, diploma and MSc) and research (MSc and PhD) programmes in Ireland and abroad.

International Study Opportunities

These currently include Erasmus programme opportunities in third year with Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, as well as elective placement opportunities in fourth year in Europe, Africa, the USA, Canada, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

Professional Work Experience

You'll complete over 1,000 hours of supervised clinical placements in Ireland, at our partner teaching hospitals, primary care clinics and specialist centres. There are elective placements in fourth year [see International Study Opportunities above].



Aileen Murray
STUDENT

I chose to go to UCD because of its variety of subjects, both within my chosen course and in languages and music through *UCD Horizons*, and the range of clubs and sports available. The UCD Physiotherapy programme is being continuously improved and student feedback is actively encouraged, which resulted in a very positive academic experience that was student oriented. I had the opportunity to complete a clinical placement in Canada, and to work as a student physiotherapist at the Dublin City Marathon and with UCD sports teams.

KEY FACT

For graduates there are two entry routes to study Physiotherapy at UCD: BSc Physiotherapy and MSc Physiotherapy [pre-registration]. Please see www.ucd.ie/myucd/physio and www.ucd.ie/myucd/mscphysio for further details.

Find out more

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