

Graduate Certificate Oncology Rehabilitation Physical Therapy Program School of Health Sciences

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Special point of interest:

This degree is offered on-line with one on-campus lab course.

DEGREE

Graduate Certificate in Oncology Rehabilitation

ACADEMIC UNIT

School of Health Sciences

ACCREDITATION

North Central Association
of Colleges and Schools

DESCRIPTION

The Graduate Certificate in Oncology Rehabilitation is designed to provide advanced theoretical and psychomotor training for physical therapists interested in specializing in the areas of oncology rehabilitation. All didactic courses are presented online and one laboratory course is presented on-campus during one week in the spring. The GCOR will allow practicing physical therapists to take graduate level courses to develop the specialty skills of a master clinician in prevention and management of oncology related functional limitations of the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, integumentary, metabolic, cardiopulmonary and vascular systems. Physical therapists may apply the 17 GCOR credits towards completion of the Oakland University post-professional DScPT degree, or the post-professional MSPT degree, or the post-professional tDPT degree.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to this program, individuals must hold an entry-level bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in physical therapy and be licensed in the U.S. or Canada. All other admissions requirements for graduate applications as determined by Graduate Admissions must also be met.

ADMISSION TERMS AND DEADLINES

Students are admitted in the fall, winter or summer I semesters. The fall deadline is August 1; the winter deadline is December 1, and the summer I Deadline is April 1.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application materials and steps to be completed are:

1. Application for Admission to Graduate Study.
2. Professional vitae or resume and one page narrative goal statement outlining academic and professional goals.
3. Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate level academic work and proof of degree.
4. Two Recommendation for Graduate Admission forms or two letters of reference.
5. Official scores for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from applicants who are graduates of programs taught in a language other than English.
6. International students must meet application requirements described by Graduate Admissions.
7. Proof of physical therapy licensure in U.S. or Canada.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE

To fulfill the certificate requirements the student must complete 17 credits, with at least a 2.5 grade in each course and an overall GPA of 3.00, a program consisting of PT 502, PT 663, PT 665, PT 667, PT 668, and PT 669.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PT 502 — UNDERSTANDING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (2 credits)

An overview of evidence-based practice and its application to examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention in physical therapy. The course will also include a review of frameworks for clinical decision making, qualitative and quantitative research designs and methods of assessing professional literature related to approaches used by health care professionals. (ONLINE FORMAT)

PT 663 — INTRODUCTION TO ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION (2 credits)

An overview of comprehensive oncology rehabilitation terminology, clinical medicine including treatments and side effects, team member roles and professional organizations, administration and program development, evidence based practice and grants/foundations, resources and patient advocacy for survivors and caregivers across the continuum of care in the various practice settings. (ONLINE FORMAT)

PT 665 ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION (4 credits)

An applied and problem solving approach to evidence-based screening, examination, evaluation, diagnosis and prognosis methods based on physical therapy practice patterns in individuals in acute or extended cancer survivorship across the continuum of care. The course will focus on cancers of head and neck, upper trunk, lower trunk, and bone/hematologic/immunologic origin, as well as pediatric and adolescent cancers. (ONLINE FORMAT)

PT 667 – ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION INTERVENTIONS AND OUTCOMES (4 credits)

An applied and problem solving approach to evidence-based interventions and outcomes based on physical therapy practice patterns in individuals in acute or extended cancer survivorship across the continuum of care. The course will focus on cancers of head and neck, upper trunk, lower trunk, and bone/hematologic/immunologic origin, as well as pediatric and adolescent cancers. (ONLINE FORMAT)

PT 668 – ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION INTERVENTIONS AND OUTCOMES LAB (2 credits)

A hands-on interactive lab demonstrating the actual techniques for evidence-based interventions and outcomes based on physical therapy practice patterns in individuals in acute or extended cancer survivorship across the continuum of care. The course will focus on cancers of head and neck, upper trunk, lower trunk, and bone/hematologic/immunologic origin, as well as pediatric and adolescent cancers. (ON CAMPUS LABORATORY EXPERIENCE)

PT 669 —TEAM APPROACH TO ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION (3 credits)

An applied and problem solving approach to development and utilization of the members of the Comprehensive Oncology Rehabilitation Team with evidence based practice for the treatment of individuals in acute or extended cancer survivorship across the continuum of care. The course will focus on integrative medicine, psychosocial issues, stress management, nutrition management, pharmacology, disability counseling, legal/financial counseling, and spiritual counseling. (ONLINE FORMAT)

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