Mount St. Mary's College Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Mission

Mount St. Mary's College provides doctoral education to a diverse student body culminating in physical therapists with sound clinical reasoning in a variety of settings who are committed to professional and personal development, social citizenship and ethical, compassionate care.

As a Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy we are committed to facilitating life-long learning in the faculty, alumni and the professional community.

To accomplish this mission:
The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will provide an education whose theoretical foundation is structured with the best evidence emphasizing critical thinking and professional behavior. Instruction will be provided by well qualified, professionals with post-professional doctorates, advanced or specialist certification and expertise in their content areas.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will set and maintain high standards for admissions and graduation.

Faculty will support the DPT Program Mission through activities that demonstrate and promote professional and personal development, social citizenship, ethical practice and compassionate care.

All aspects of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program are rooted in the following values:

Integrity:	Approach interactions with honesty, truth and moral courage.
Empathy:	Strive to develop an emotional and cognitive understanding of patient experiences different than one's own and their influence on patient-caregiver interactions.
Social Citizenship:	Actively engage in the larger community through political, social or spiritual activities to facilitate access to optimal health and wellness.
Diversity:	Demonstrate appreciation, acceptance and respect for differences in thought, heritage, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, religion and socioeconomic status.
Knowledge:	Strive to contribute to the knowledge base of the profession and be critical consumers of evidence-based or critically assessed knowledge.
Leadership:	Engage in professional activities to influence positive health outcomes for individuals and the community.
Effectiveness:	Develop the ability to create positive outcomes in classroom and clinic interactions.

Mount St. Mary's College Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Vision

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will be recognized as a leader in providing innovative models of professional education that will inform and enrich the profession. Students and faculty will learn, refine and expand their skills and knowledge base with application in traditional and non-traditional models of health care delivery within communities with unmet health and wellness needs

Mount St. Mary's College Graduate Learning Goals

A Mount St. Mary's graduate student will…

- Demonstrate competence in techniques, concepts and knowledge specific to each area of study.
- Demonstrate the ability to access, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information effectively.
- Demonstrate research skills and methods through the ability to gather, document, investigate, analyze, interpret and evaluate information.
- Disseminate and communicate information effectively in oral and written form.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the implications of a diverse society to the profession and demonstrate the skills to address the moral and ethical challenges within the profession

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Outcomes

Three year average graduation rate (2009-2011): 91%

Three year average licensure examination overall pass rate (2009- 2011; Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Data): 98%

Employment rate within 6 months of passing the licensure examination (2009-2011): 100% (full and part- time)