DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE	**College of Health Professions and Sciences**
PROGRAM	**Doctor of Physical Therapy**

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status), passing a state or national exam, and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every U.S. state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study.[1]

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is designed for in-person course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in the major in person within the state of Florida.

This program prepares students to be a physical therapist by meeting the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Florida. For information on all requirements for this credential,[2] please review the Florida Board of Physical Therapy licensure requirements available here: https://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/licensing/.

UCF Program Preparation in Other U.S. States and Territories[3]

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program meets the educational eligibility criteria for licensure as a physical therapist in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau. If you are interested in seeking licensure or certification in these locations, we encourage you to review the appropriate licensing board information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

Additional Information

Additional requirements for licensure in all states include passage of the National Physical Therapy Examination administrated by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). However, additional requirements can vary by state. Often, states require the administrator for the CAPTE-accredited program from which a student graduates to certify the student's successful completion of that program.

Depending upon the state, candidates for licensure may also be required to demonstrate successful completion of the state jurisdiction's jurisprudence examination. The FSBPT provides information on requirements to practice as a physical therapist in each state and includes contact information for each licensing jurisdiction and their legislative policies: https://www.fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information.

Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions[4]

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located outside Florida during their first term of enrollment in the program. However, students may be eligible to enroll upon submission of a signed attestation of their intention to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

Programmatic Accreditation[5]

This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Recognition by CAPTE is specific to the program and is distinct from UCF's institutional accreditation that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We have not determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

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[1] As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1).
[2] As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e).
[3] Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.
[4] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).
[5] To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32).