The University of Scranton

The University of Scranton, a Catholic, Jesuit institution, is a nationally recognized university known for outstanding academics, state-of-the-art facilities, and an exceptional sense of community. The University offers 25 graduate programs accredited by 10 professional associations. The University is one of just 115 U.S. colleges named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.

The University of Scranton’s 58-acre hillside campus is located in Pennsylvania’s Pocono Northeast region, an area rich in history. The city of Scranton is home of Dunder Mifflin, the fictitious paper company in NBC’s hit comedy The Office.
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

"PROMOTING THE QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE AND KNOWLEDGE, ALONG WITH A COMMITMENT FOR LIFELONG LEARNING."
Accreditation
The Physical Therapy Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Faculty
- Our eight core faculty has 130 years combined at The University of Scranton. That’s an average of 16.25 years per faculty member.
- The total combined teaching experience of our core faculty at The University of Scranton and other institutions is 150 years.
- Our core faculty has a total of 227 years of clinical experience as licensed physical therapists. This averages 28 years of clinical experience per faculty member.
- Six faculty/student research posters from our DPT program will be presented at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting in 2011.
The University of Scranton’s Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduates are capable of providing services in any physical therapy setting. The curriculum progresses from basic science courses to clinical application, and addresses the practice in all settings throughout the lifespan.

Our students gain practical knowledge through a mix of classroom and experiential education. The program has a special collaborative relationship with occupational therapy and exercise science. In addition, the department maintains clinical internship contracts throughout the country.

Focus on Service
Service to others is an integral part of Scranton’s mission and of its Physical Therapy Department. There are many opportunities for physical therapy students to provide service.

- This year our students will participate in service trips to Guyana and to a Navajo reservation in St. Michaels, Arizona.
- PT alumni will also travel on a service trip to Haiti.
- Faculty and students provide free “non-emergency” health care, including physical therapy services, at The Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Center Clinic for the Uninsured and run service programs for seniors and children.
- Our PT students have made six trips to Guadalajara, Mexico, in recent years.

Student Achievements
The real measure of our Jesuit colleges and universities is who our students become. Not only are the University’s graduates accomplished in their field, but so are our students. Efosa Guobadia, a recent graduate of the DPT program and past president of The University of Scranton’s Physical Therapy Club, was elected as the student delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates.