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**Health, Social Services
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST



“ I am glad I chose physiotherapy as my career. I really believe in what I do, I know it works and I get great satisfaction from seeing the improvement I make to the quality of patients’ lives, and from the respect I get from other medical colleagues. ”

THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TEAM NEEDS YOU

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Physiotherapists are experts in movement, from the way we move our backs or limbs, to the way we breathe. It is an enabling profession, restoring function and activity, and preventing illness and injury, giving people the independence to remain in work and in their own homes.

Patients are normally referred to a Physiotherapist by a doctor. The Physiotherapist assesses them and decides upon the most appropriate treatment. This treatment might involve exercise, movement, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and techniques such as massage and manipulation. Physiotherapists play a large role in rehabilitating people after illness or accidents. Health education, aimed at preventing disease and injury, is also an important part of the work.

Skills Required:

Being responsible for assessing and treating your own caseload of patients demands a high level of knowledge and expertise. Your rigorous training will ensure that you have the necessary clinical skills. Personal qualities such as good communication skills, empathy and the ability to work as part of a team are also essential.

Training Programme:

BSc Hons Physiotherapy

University of Ulster undergraduate full-time four year programme

Entry Qualifications:

A minimum of 360 UCAS Tariff Points, to include grades AAA for GCE applicants offering one relevant science subject; or a minimum of 340 UCAS Tariff Points, to include grades AAB for GCE applicants offering two science subjects (with AA in the two science subjects). Relevant GCE science subjects are Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Mathematics. Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent.

Career Pathway:

Once you have had some clinical experience, you could specialise in any one of a range of areas, such as neurology, orthopaedics, obstetrics or working with older people. There is a recognised promotional pathway within the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services.

Professional Recognition:

Graduates of the course are eligible for State Registration with the Health Professions Council (HPC) and membership of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

How to Apply:

For Undergraduate full-time programme, application should be made through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Web Links:

The University of Ulster – www.ulster.ac.uk

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapists – www.csp.org.uk

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