

Tuition Award Program
University of Colorado Denver
School of Medicine
Physical Therapy Program

The Physical Therapy Program in the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver will provide tuition awards to financially support eligible students pursuing the Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT) Program. These awards are to offset the cost of tuition for required courses in the program leading to the DPT degree. This Tuition Award Program will be referred to as TAP. Students in this program will receive a tuition award equal to approximately 50% of the cost of tuition during each semester of matriculation not to exceed a maximum of \$1,800 during their enrollment and matriculation through the tDPT Program. All student fees, books, and other costs associated with enrollment are the responsibility of the student.

Eligibility

Eligible students must apply to the tDPT Program following all requirements and application processes established by the PT Program (see Program website www.uchsc.edu/pt) or be currently enrolled in the tDPT Program. **Following admission into the tDPT Program, applicants to TAP must submit an essay of no more than three (3) pages identifying why they should receive this financial award.** The essay should clearly address each of the criteria listed below. Applicants to TAP may be asked to interview as part of this process. Selection for TAP will be based on evidence of the following criteria:

Goals for professional development (including DPT) and clinical practice	25%
Clinical Instructor who regularly takes students from our PT Program	20%
Primary Instructor for a course taught in our PT Program	20%
Lab Instructor (assistant) for a course in our PT Program	10%
Demonstration (evidence) of professional development	15%
Number of years as a practicing physical therapist	5%
Graduate of the Physical Therapy Program of the University of Colorado	5%

Once a student applies, and is accepted to the tDPT and TAP, no further application will be required for subsequent semesters of participation in the program. Support through the TAP program will continue with each semester of enrollment until the student has reached any of the following:

- the maximum TAP award of \$1,800
- the 3 year maximum time allotted for completion of the tDPT
- failure to maintain a satisfactory cumulative GPA of 3.0

In addition, students must enroll and complete a minimum of one (1) graduate credit hour each consecutive semester during the three year period they are enrolled in the tDPT, except for any single semester during the three year period in which a student may elect not to take any courses at the University of Colorado Denver.

Approximately 50% of all TAP awards will be made on a priority basis to physical therapists employed by the core affiliates of the Physical Therapy Program, including: University of Colorado Hospital (UCH), The Children's Hospital (TCH), Veterans' Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), National Jewish Hospital (NJH), and Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC). The other TAP awards will be made to eligible physical therapists from the community, regardless of place of employment or PT practice setting, based on the weighted criteria found on page 1. If there are fewer applicants from the core affiliate medical facilities, applicants from other settings may be considered and awarded a TAP.

In the event that a student withdraws from the tDPT Program or TAP, or does not successfully maintain a 3.0 GPA or the minimum number of credits specified as part of TAP, the remaining funds set aside to cover their tuition award will be considered for allocation to another eligible student enrolled in the tDPT. The PT Program will continue to accept TAP applications on a rolling basis during the 2008-2009 academic year. Availability of additional TAP for new applicants beyond 2009 will be determined in the spring or summer of 2009.

Ineligibility

Any student who receives assistance from Financial Aid through the University of Colorado is not eligible for TAP. Any student who becomes delinquent in their financial status with the University of Colorado will become ineligible for TAP from that point forward but may continue in the tDPT program by assuming full responsibility for all outstanding debts to the University as well as payment for all tuition and fees for subsequent semesters of enrollment in the tDPT Program. The Assistant Director of the Physical Therapy Program, Physical Therapy Program Manager, and the Administrator of the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation will assume responsibility as compliance monitors of TAP policies and procedures as outlined and described in this document.

Tax Implications

Students should consult a tax advisor regarding tax implications of accepting financial assistance provided by TAP.

TAP Example

Tuition for the tDPT Program is \$350 per credit hour, regardless of residency status. The tDPT Program requires 21 graduate credit hours. Students may request to waive courses through a course waiver process based on specific criteria. Therefore, not all students will complete 21 graduate credit hours at the University Colorado Denver.

If, for example, a student successfully waived 6 credit hours of required courses in the program, then she would have to take a total of 15 credit hours at a rate of \$350 per hour. Thus, if the student did not receive tuition assistance, she would be responsible for \$5,250 in tuition costs for the tDPT program. If the student did receive tuition assistance, at a maximum amount of \$1,800, the student would be responsible for \$3,450 over the course of the tDPT Program. All students (including TAP recipients) are responsible for

program application fees, course waiver fees, books and materials costs, in addition to the University of Colorado Denver student fees of \$75/semester.