

## Tuition Award Program

### University of Colorado School of Medicine Physical Therapy Program

The University of Colorado School of Medicine Physical Therapy Program at UCDHSC (CU PT Program) will provide tuition awards to financially support eligible students pursuing the **Transition** Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT) 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 \$2,500 during their enrollment and matriculation through the t-DPT Program. All student fees, books, and other costs associated with enrollment are the responsibility of the student.

#### **Eligibility**

Eligible students must apply to the t-DPT Program following all requirements and application processes established by the CU PT Program (see Program website: [www.uchsc.edu/pt/admissions/transition\\_dpt.htm](http://www.uchsc.edu/pt/admissions/transition_dpt.htm)) or be currently enrolled in the t-DPT Program. **Following admission into the t-DPT 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 the CU PT Program	20%
Primary Instructor for a course taught in the CU PT Program	20%
Lab Instructor (assistant) for CU PT Program course	10%
Demonstration (evidence) of professional development	15%
Number of years as a practicing physical therapist	5%
Graduate of the Physical Therapy Program at UCDHSC	5%

Once a student applies, and is accepted to the t-DPT 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 \$2,500
- the 3 year maximum time allotted for completion of the t-DPT
- 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 of the Program, except for any single semester during the three year period in which a student may elect not to take any courses at UCDHSC.

Approximately 50% of all TAP awards will be made 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.

In the event that a student withdraws from the t-DPT 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 t-DPT. The CU PT Program will begin TAP by accepting applications on a rolling basis during the 2006-2007 academic year. Availability of TAP for 2007-2008 will be determined in the spring of 2007.

### **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 t-DPT 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 t-DPT Program. The Assistant Director of the Physical Therapy Program 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 t-DPT Program is \$350 per credit hour, regardless of residency status. The t-DPT 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 UCDHSC.

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 t-DPT program. If the student did receive tuition assistance, which covers approximately half of the cost of tuition at a maximum amount of \$2,500, the student would be responsible for \$2,750 over the course of the t-DPT Program. All students (including TAP recipients) are responsible for program application fees, course waiver fees, books and materials costs, in addition to the UCDHSC student fees of \$75/semester.

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