**Illinois Wesleyan University**

**Pre-Physical Therapy**

Physical therapists work with patients to evaluate their needs, plan treatment programs, and prevent further physical disabilities and injuries. Moreover, physical therapists examine patients and develop a plan using treatment techniques to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability. Illinois Wesleyan is proud to have a strong pre-physical therapy program to prepare students for this exciting career path.

As of January 2002, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) ended all accreditation of baccalaureate professional programs. Today, all new, licensed physical therapists must obtain a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. At Illinois Wesleyan, we’ll provide you with strong scientific literacy preparation for your physical therapy graduate work, along with challenging coursework in the liberal arts; close, personal instruction from a well-qualified faculty; and hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment.

**Why Pre-Physical Therapy at Illinois Wesleyan?**

- The Center for Natural Science Learning and Research features top-quality scientific equipment in the labs, including dedicated space for student research.
- With small class sizes and an active culture of student engagement on campus, pre-physical therapy students hone their interpersonal skills that are essential for their career.
- Students will find key resources on campus from the pre-physical therapy advisor as well as guidance from the Hart Career Center.
- Students have great access to hospitals and clinics to gain necessary physical therapy observation. In fact, Bloomington-Normal supports two major medical facilities as well as over a dozen out-patient physical therapy clinics.
- Students who pursue pre-physical therapy at Illinois Wesleyan have recently been admitted to physical therapy graduate programs at Bradley University, Duke University, Emory University, Governors State University, the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences, Midwestern University, Northwestern University, University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Indianapolis, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Southern California, and Washington University-St. Louis.

**A Sample of Courses for Pre-Physical Therapy:**
- Developmental Biology
- Human Biology
- Microbiology
- General Chemistry
- General Physics
- Calculus I
- Statistics
- General Psychology
- Perception and Cognition
- The Short Story
- Writing Fiction

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