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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 18, 2015 – Davenport University’s College of Health Professions is launching a new **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)** program at its W.A. Lettinga Campus. The program is working toward Candidacy Status from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and plans to enroll the inaugural class of physical therapy students in January 2017.

“Davenport’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program is different in that it incorporates a graduate certificate in Health Care Management,” stated Dr. Sue Klappa, Founding Chair of DU’s Physical Therapy program. “The program will involve extensive hands-on experiences through practical on-campus training and through immersion in real-world practice settings off campus.”

The DPT program is a post-baccalaureate entry-level program that will provide the education students need to become a practicing physical therapist. It will provide practice-based education that is knowledge-driven and prepares students to be exceptional practitioners.

“Physical Therapy is a fast growing field,” said Dr. Paula DeLorm, Director of Clinical Education for the DPT program. “There is a huge need for doctorally trained PT’s in clinical settings. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapists is expected to grow 30 percent by 2018.”

Applications are being accepted for the Winter 2017 Semester. For more information about DU’s new entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program, call the College of Health Professions at 616-871-6150 or DU Admissions at 800-686-1600.

About Davenport University

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