



UCD School of Public Health,  
Physiotherapy and Sports Science



**Professional Masters  
in Physiotherapy**  
(Two Years Full Time)



## **Professional Accreditation**

This programme is fully approved by CORU, the Health and Social Care Professions regulatory body of Ireland and accredited by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists; a member organisation of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.



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Physiotherapy at UCD is based in the multidisciplinary School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science. Our philosophy is to foster excellence in all disciplines and to focus on student-centred learning in an environment where research and scholarship stimulate high achievement.

UCD is the largest provider of undergraduate and graduate physiotherapy education in Ireland, and our high quality programmes are internationally recognised. Our graduates contribute to the physiotherapy profession worldwide. UCD has a strong international reputation in physiotherapy research with many national and international partners in non-governmental organisations (NGOs), clinical research, industry and academic arenas. The academic faculty is made up of recognised experts in Physiotherapy education and research, providing leadership and innovation across the suite of taught and research programmes provided.

The Professional Masters in Physiotherapy programme aims to provide a stimulating and collaborative educational environment which builds on existing graduate knowledge, skills and attributes. Student learning is facilitated through a student centred approach, involving contextual and experiential learning so that graduates have the opportunity to achieve excellence in professional practice as competent, autonomous physiotherapists, critical thinkers and life-long learners.



## Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants who hold an appropriate primary degree, with an upper second class honours or international equivalent required.
  - Pre-Requisites for programme are: Clinical Human Anatomy, Applied Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Exercise Science, Applied Physics, Chemistry-Biochemistry, Applied Human Biomechanics, Behavioural Sciences, Research Methods and Statistics.
  - Motivation and interest must be demonstrated through providing a CV and a personal statement outlining motivation to study. Three written letters of reference must be included including one from a physiotherapist/physical therapist, one from an academic and one other.
  - Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.
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## Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest. If you are located in the EEA, please apply online at [www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions](http://www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions). If you are located outside the EEA, please apply online at [www.ucd.ie/global](http://www.ucd.ie/global). Closing date for applications is 31st May.

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## International Fees

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees).



## Course Content and Structure

**180 credits**  
taught masters

**120 credits**  
taught modules

**60 credits**  
clinical modules

### Modules include:

- Physiotherapy Professional Practice A
- Cardiorespiratory
- Musculoskeletal
- Neurology
- Clinical Education (Ireland, 15 Weeks)
- Physiotherapy Professional Practice B
- Advanced Musculoskeletal
- Specialist Physiotherapy Practice
- Legal Medicine
- Rehabilitation Research
- Clinical Education (Ireland, 8 weeks)
- Clinical Elective Placement (Ireland or International, 6 weeks)

**Please see online for a full list of modules.**



# Graduate Profile

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## Amanda Olsen, United States



Originally from the United States, travelling the world was always something I hoped to do when I was younger. After completing my bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from the University of Pittsburgh, I decided that moving to another country while continuing my education would be a great way to achieve this dream of mine. Wanting to keep an open mind as to where my future would lead, I desired a program that would be transferable to places like New Zealand and Australia, as well as the United States, giving me the option to return if I wanted to.

I researched many Physiotherapy degree options across Ireland and found UCD's post-graduate master's program the most compelling. To put it very simply, the course was rigorous, and the professors had high expectations of us as students. However, it goes without saying that these attributes pushed me to excel in my abilities as a clinician.

The clinical tutors and educators instilled confidence in us by ensuring the theory was fully comprehended and our practical skills were executed appropriately and safely. There was a heavy emphasis on clinical reasoning and evidence-based practice which we had to display across our 1000 hours of clinical placement. The placements also encouraged supervised autonomy, so that as a student, and future clinician, I felt both supported and independent, which prepared me for working in the "real world" after graduation.

UCD's campus is extraordinary – both spacious yet intimate – and offers top of the line facilities and a variety of clubs and social opportunities. I know that this program gave me a strong foundation in the physiotherapy profession. It provided me with an experience I will never forget, sincere friends I will always have, and an increased cultural awareness I can take with me anywhere I go.

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## Eva Jackman, Canada

I applied to the Professional Masters in Physiotherapy program at UCD with a bachelor's degree in Athletic Therapy. During the two-year program at UCD I expanded upon my knowledge in musculoskeletal physiotherapy and furthered my understanding of neurology, women's and men's health, paediatrics and cardiorespiratory physiotherapy. The first year was challenging with most of the coursework being covered, but I found the professors and guest lecturers knowledgeable in their subject and supportive in their areas of expertise. I feel this approach provided excellent preparation for my future career in a leading, research-based practice. I found the small class sizes hugely beneficial, especially for practical classes. The clinical placements were intensive, but I feel they prepared me to work confidently in any physiotherapy setting. I was fortunate to play on the UCD women's rugby team, I thoroughly enjoyed travelling to play against other universities and making friends with teammates from other faculties. Since graduating, I have had the opportunity to travel with the Canadian women's field hockey team and work in private physiotherapy practice in Dublin.



## Career Opportunities

Graduates from UCD Physiotherapy work throughout the world in a range of areas:

Hospitals and private practice, primary and community care, rehabilitation centres and nursing homes, non-government agencies, education, research, business, sport and leisure industries. Graduates can also apply for a range of disciplinary and general postgraduate taught (Postgrad Cert/Dip, MSc) and research (MSc and PhD) programmes.



# Why study at UCD?



## Tradition

Established 1854, with over 160 years of teaching & research excellence



## Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



## Global community

Over 8,500 international students from over 140 countries study at UCD



## Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa



## Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre



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