

An individual must meet the qualifications/pre-requisites for entrance into the program prior to applying for MercyOne Scholars.

After being accepted into a specified program, it is then the individual's responsibility to notify Human Resources of their interest in applying for MercyOne Scholars.

As part of the selection process for MercyOne Scholars, an application, acceptance letter into desired program from the college, previous official transcripts and references are required. In addition, applicants must complete a job shadow experience and assessment tool. Once all are completed an interview will be scheduled.

Physical Therapist: Physical therapists improve the mobility, relieve the pain, and prevent or limit the permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease. Their patients include accident victims and disabled individuals with conditions such as multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, nerve injuries, burns, amputations, head injuries, fractures, low back pain, arthritis, and heart disease. Therapists evaluate a patient's medical history; test and measure their strength, range of motion, and ability to function; and develop written treatment plans. Therapists also teach and motivate patients to use crutches, prostheses, and wheelchairs to perform day-to-day activities and show them exercises to do at home. Some physical therapists treat a wide variety of problems; others specialize in such areas as pediatrics, geriatrics, orthopedics, sports physical therapy, neurology, and cardiopulmonary physical therapy.

Education:

Physical therapists are typically educated at major colleges and universities through four-year programs. Graduate programs are also available. Below is a list of Colleges in Iowa that offer this degree.

- Clarke College 1550 Clark Drive Dubuque, IA 52001
Admissions: 800-383-2345 or admissions@clarke.edu.
- University of Iowa 1-252 Medical Education Building Iowa City, 52242
Phone: 319-335-9791 or physical-therapy@uiowa.edu
- St. Ambrose University 518 W. Locust St. Davenport, IA 52803
Phone: 563-333-6403 or www.sau.edu
- Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center
3200 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 53012
Phone: 515-271-1400 or www.dmu.edu

Stated above are suggested colleges only to obtain this degree. A MercyOne Scholars applicant can choose any college they would like to, in order to, obtain this particular degree.
