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Marymount University Launches Online Post Professional Rehabilitation Doctoral Degrees Powered By Rehab Essentials

Marymount University will start offering online transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy and transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy degrees powered by Rehab Essentials.

COLUMBIA FALLS, MT (August 20, 2020) – Montana-based Rehab Essentials, Inc, announced a partnership today with Marymount University to provide innovative, budget-friendly, online, post professional degrees for physical and occupational therapists. Starting with spring semester in January 2021, Marymount University will offer an online transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT) degree and an online transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (tOTD) degree, both of which are powered by Rehab Essentials.

Both the tDPT and tOTD are designed with working rehabilitation therapists in mind. As an online distance learning program, working professionals will have the opportunity to balance work, life and school while earning a doctorate degree, and all with a budget-friendly tuition. The contemporary online format allows students to engage with a world-class curriculum from virtually anywhere, on their schedule, and at their pace. Students will have access to a diverse online community of their peers and award-winning faculty who are nationally recognized subject matter experts. Throughout the evidence-based programs at Marymount University, students will gain advanced critical thinking, professional knowledge, behavior, and skills to become a leader in their respective field. Both degree programs are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

“We are looking forward to our inaugural tDPT and tOTD cohorts with Marymount University in Spring 2021,” says Jonathan Scheeler, chief program officer at Rehab Essentials and coordinator for the tDPT and tOTD programs at Marymount University. “The opportunity to bring new physical therapy and occupational therapy rehabilitation professionals along the Atlantic Coast into our program with College of Health and Education at Marymount University, a leader in health care education, will continue to enhance our already diverse student base.”

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"We are very excited to offer the opportunity for occupational and physical therapists to earn their transitional clinical doctorate degree," explains Dr. Ken Harwood, dean of the College of Health and Education. "We have partnered with Rehab Essentials due to the experience and expertise of the nationally recognized faculty that they have providing the coursework, and the robust educational methods they use in the development of the coursework. Plus, the program flexibility allows the working professional to obtain their degree."

"The tDPT and tOTD degrees are a welcome expansion of the current rehabilitation programs at Marymount University. The addition of the post professional degrees enable us to optimize our educational contribution to the physical therapy and occupational therapy fields," says Skye Donovan, director of the School of Rehabilitation and Health Sciences. "With these programs we have the opportunity to expand knowledge in the respective fields and elevate the education level with working therapists. We can empower professionals to move their career forward and become better leaders or educators in their field."

The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree will be offered to U.S. licensed physical therapists who hold a bachelor or master level degree in physical therapy and reside in a state along the Atlantic coast or Pennsylvania. The program is 24-30 credit hours and can be completed in as little as 24 months. Applications are currently being accepted for the tDPT at Marymount University for Spring 2021, with classes starting on Jan. 11, 2021.

Similarly, the transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree will be offered starting Spring 2021, with classes starting on Jan. 11, 2021. The online tOTD program will be open to all occupational therapists who are licensed in the U.S. and hold a master level degree in occupational therapy. The program is 30 credit hours and can be completed in 20 months. Applications are being currently being accepted.

"When I started Rehab Essentials 15 years ago, my goal was to improve the standards of the physical therapy profession and to help advance therapists' careers in a flexible and affordable manner. I wanted to provide an online, affordable, and more flexible path to an accredited clinical doctorate for practicing physical therapists. My focus was to build a program that would fit their busy schedules and budget, while featuring a seasoned, all-star faculty with content expertise from around the U.S.," says Dr. Steve Tepper, founder and president of Rehab Essentials. "We are drive to continue extending the reach of our programs within physical therapy and into other rehabilitation fields with the intention of improving standards and opportunities in rehabilitation professions. Marymount University shares in this vision and our partnership to offer both the evidence-based tDPT and tOTD programs reflects that."

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About Rehab Essentials, Inc.

Rehab Essentials is the leading provider of online doctorate level rehabilitation courses designed to advance rehabilitation professionals globally by curating an innovative, exceptional online learning experience with leading experts, best-in-class content, universal accessibility, and a supportive professional community. Steven Tepper, PT, PhD, FAPTA, founded Rehab Essentials in 2005 with the drive to provide a cost-effective transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (tDPT) program that allowed physical therapists to maintain their work-life balance, continue to practice and advance their professional qualifications by taking online courses from an all-star faculty and outstanding curriculum. In Spring 2021, Rehab Essentials will bring this same mission to the occupational therapy community and launch an online tOTD program with Marymount University. www.RehabEssentials.com, Marymount.Rehabessentials.com, <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rehab-essentials-inc/>, <https://twitter.com/rehabessentials>, <https://www.facebook.com/RehabEssentials/>

About Marymount University

Marymount University is a Catholic university with its main campus in Arlington, Va. Marymount offers students a unique mix of liberal arts, technology, and specialized educational opportunities through a variety of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of disciplines. Marymount has about 3,363 students enrolled, representing approximately 45 states and 76 countries. The University has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as having one of the most internationally diverse student bodies in the nation.

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