Physiotherapy (English)

Programme in brief
Walking, lifting things, participating in sporting activities – these are all things that you may do every day without any thought. Usually, you will only visit a Physiotherapist if something goes wrong, such as if you have suffered an injury when playing sports, if you are troubled by a hernia, or if you are experiencing pain whilst walking, but you have no idea what may be causing the pain. A Physiotherapist helps people to move without pain and investigates how you may be able to prevent any further complaints from occurring in the future.

Content of the programme
The programme has a duration of four years. Approximately half of the study time will be allocated to self-study, either at home or at school. The other half of the study time will be allocated to (working) lectures and practical lessons. During the lectures the theory will be covered. During the practical lessons, you will practice physiotherapy skills, such as Massage Therapy and Movement Therapy - with, and on - one another. During the medical practical sessions, you will learn about the structure and workings of your own body. All of the subjects covered will be interrelated. Your manner of dealing with people will also be important, as you will learn to practice a profession in which dealing with people will be a key aspect of your role.

What to expect from us
We will teach you a range of things, including all of the aspects that you will be likely to encounter as a Physiotherapist. In addition to your patients, you will also have dealings with colleagues, doctors, specialists and other medical staff. Even if you have a perfect command of the theory, your social skills will be just as important for the effective practice of your profession. Therefore, we devote a great deal of attention to practical training and during the course of your studies, you will already spend a lot of time working together with your fellow students. In small groups, you will undertake assignments and you will work on practical assignments. Of course, all of this will be done under the supervision of teaching staff and your Study Career Advisor.

What do we expect from you
You should be someone who wants to help people to move without suffering pain. You should find it interesting to investigate how you can prevent complaints from occurring in the future. Decision-making skills and a solution-orientated approach are important characteristics that you should possess. Furthermore, you should be ready and willing to study hard, as in addition to the practical lessons, you will also need to study many theoretical subjects.
The Fontys way of studying

We believe that it is important that not only our education should be of high quality, but that all of the associated conditions and facilities for studying with us are also good. Therefore, we also invest in matters such as the quality of the teaching and examination schedules, the provision of prompt feedback in relation to testing and assignments, the optimal registration of study progress, good information facilities and the accessibility of our teaching staff.

Within the Course Department and the Institute, you will encounter an open and informal atmosphere, which should allow you to find your way quite easily and you should also find it easy to make contact with your fellow students and your Tutors.

Why study at Fontys?

There is a good balance between practical and theoretical study, with a strong emphasis on practical work. We offer excellent studying facilities and the classes you study in are small, which provides a supportive and motivating learning environment.

We work with real patients so you can interview, assess and practice on them. The students work well together, helping each other with practical aspects of the course and various assignments. The University has excellent facilities for sport activities. The sport centre opposite the Fontys building offers a wide variety of sports so everyone can find an activity and membership is affordable.

Eindhoven is a nice student town, which combines its dynamic character with a safe and cosy atmosphere. These elements and the easy going southern character of the people help you to feel at home in this town what makes studying a lot more attractive.

Finance your study

Costs for the year 2019-2020

- EEA* students EUR 2,083
- NON-EEA EUR 7,680**
- Additional costs relating to books and readers are not included in the tuition fees

* EEA countries are described on fontys.edu/pysiotherapy (tuition fees)
** To determine the exact amount of your tuition fees, please utilise the Tuition Fee Wizard on fontys.edu/physiotherapy (tuition fees).

Admission requirements

As a prospective student for the Physiotherapy English Stream programme you must have a diploma of (senior) secondary general education or (senior) secondary vocational education that is equivalent to Dutch standards. The diploma and list of grades of your previous education will be evaluated to determine if you are admissible based on this diploma.

How to apply

For instructions regarding the application and selection procedure, please refer to fontys.edu/physiotherapy and choose “How to apply.”

Accommodation

It is not always easy for international students to find accommodation in the Netherlands. It is possible to apply for accommodation through Fontys for the first period. Although Fontys does not have its own campus dorms, it has established a cooperation with a number of different housing agencies and landlords.

Open days


This study is officially registered as bachelor study Physiotherapy. After successful completion, you will be awarded with a Bachelor degree of Science.