

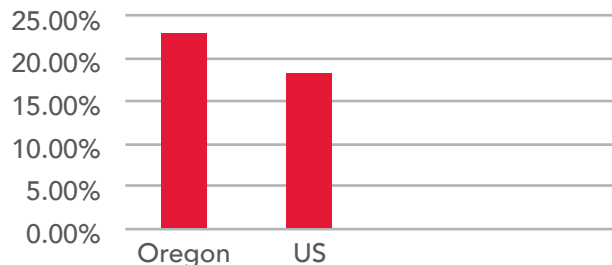
Doctor of Physical Therapy Fact Sheet

Need

Oregon Data (Oregon Health Authority, 2019)

- 5,113 licensed Physical Therapist, 77% of whom were practicing
- 88.4% of licensed Physical Therapist are White
- 373 plan to reduce their work hours and 235 plan to leave Oregon within two years.
- U.S. need expected to grow by 18% between 2020 and 2028.
- Oregon need expected to grow by 23.5% between 2020 and 2028
- Physical Therapy top 15 best new job (Career Explorer)

Expected PT Demand 2020-2028



Capacity

- Oregon has two DPT programs (George Fox and Pacific University)
- Over 1100 applications received for fall 2021
- 94 new students start per year
- 54 graduates take positions in Oregon per year
- Oregon is projected to lose over 600 physical therapist over the next two years creating even greater need.
- Oregon ranks 48 out of 50 states in terms of affordability for Physical Therapist, making it more difficult to recruit new Physical Therapist to Oregon.

Plan

- All DPT programs are size restricted by the number of clinical training sites available to support graduate student training.
- The WOU program will focus on Oregon students, especially those from low-income, rural, and underrepresented backgrounds and will focus its clinical placement site to the Mid-Willamette Valley and the coast.
- WOU will expand the Bilingual Teacher Scholars program to the Physical Therapy program to increase the diversity of Oregon Physical Therapists.
- WOU will actively collaborate with other PT programs to maximize statewide benefit.