

The Doctor of Philosophy Program in Physical Therapy (International Program)

In 2002, the Faculty of Physical Therapy and Applied Movement Science, Mahidol University first offered Doctor of Philosophy Program in Physical Therapy (International Program). The Faculty had 5 full-time academic staffs holding a Ph.D. in Physical Therapy and the additional 4 academic staffs obtained the Ph.D. degree in related area from abroad. The availability of teaching staff as well as the experience in postgraduate education for more than 16 years, the faculty had a high potential in offering a Ph.D. program in Physical Therapy.

In 2009, the Faculty of Physical Therapy and Applied Movement Science renamed to the Faculty of Physical Therapy. In 2010, international physical therapists in Asean countries and nearby (i.e., Myanmar, Indonesia, and Nepal) began participating the programs. International students have increasingly participated the program till now. Thirty-one Ph.D. students completed the programs. Most of the graduates have currently worked in the universities in Thailand and other countries. Thirty-eight Ph.D. students have been currently attended the program. Our program is the first Ph.D. Program and has the most national and international Ph.D. students in Thailand till now.

Philosophy of the Program

The Doctor of Philosophy Program in Physical Therapy is aimed to produce international scholars who have abilities to develop new knowledge of physical therapy continuously, apply and distribute the knowledge broadly, and integrate related knowledge for worldwide societies' health. The program also develops Ph.D. graduates in professional and research ethics, communication skills, and interpersonal relationship.

Expected Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

1. Integrate contemporary knowledge to develop conceptual framework in physical therapy
2. Conduct original research to create novel knowledge or innovation in the physical therapy profession
3. Effectively perform international academic communication
4. Develop leadership potential in research
5. Show a sense of responsibility to own and team's work in a productive and effective manner
6. Identify moral and ethical problems and explain the solution in academic and clinical research