

Summer Session

Each year the summer session offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses. The summer session serves the needs of undergraduate and graduate students from the University and the region. It also serves as a bridge for high school graduates who wish to begin their college work before the fall semester.

High school juniors who meet the advanced placement standards of their high schools may enroll in summer courses. Upon successful completion of these courses, they will be awarded regular university credit.

Preparation for Graduate & Professional Studies

Graduate School

Many of the undergraduate programs at Wheeling Jesuit are foundations for graduate study; some majors are designed specifically to fulfill the prerequisites of graduate schools in the arts, sciences and social sciences. When a student's needs cannot be fulfilled by an existing program, the independent major, along with faculty guidance and consultation with the director of the proposed graduate program, may be appropriate. Students should consult the appropriate graduate program director for information about graduate programs, procedures for applications and scholarship opportunities. Also, the career library has directories and a large collection of the catalogs of graduate schools around the country.

Law School

Various concentrations and majors can serve as preparation for law school. However, the majority of the American Bar Association approved law schools grant or deny admission based on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and undergraduate GPA, with the LSAT score as the most important criterion. Students who are interested in law school are encouraged to contact the Pre-Law Academic Advisor, Thomas Michaud, Ph.D. (Philosophy Department), as early as possible in their academic careers.

Health Pre-Professional Programs

WJU offers a well-rounded science and liberal arts education for students seeking careers in health pre-professional disciplines or related fields of study. Areas of study include, but are not restricted to, pre-medical, pre-veterinary, pre-pharmaceutical and pre-dental programs. Students typically major in biology or chemistry; however, with appropriate prerequisites in the sciences met, alternative programs may be developed. WJU has also established a Health Pre-Professional Committee, consisting of four faculty members. The Committee guides students with program planning so that they will have completed the appropriate courses required by their choice of professional school.

The Health Pre-Professional Committee will also provide professional institutions with additional information relevant to the expected success rate of our students. One of the Committee's functions is, upon the request of a student, to write a collective letter of assessment for the student applying to professional school. The assessment includes not only G.P.A. and scores on pre-

professional examinations, but also the consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of the student as observed by his or her professors. All of these materials are then considered in the context of the likelihood that the student possesses the ability and initiative to successfully complete an educational program at the professional level. Because the Committee's recommendations are taken seriously, WJU's well-prepared and motivated students hold an excellent record for acceptance into professional schools.

Physical Therapy & Pre-Physical Therapy Preparation

Wheeling Jesuit University offers a pre-physical therapy concentration to students interested in entering the physical therapy graduate program. It is designed to prepare students for entry into the professional entry-level program. Students pursue a baccalaureate degree in a major of their choosing in addition to completing the prerequisite courses in biology, anatomy/physiology, chemistry, physics, statistics, math and psychology. Although students are advised by faculty members in their chosen majors, information and guidance is provided by the Department of Physical Therapy. The Physical Therapy Club offers students an avenue to learn more about the profession, to meet with the current graduate students and to prepare for the transition to the graduate program. A WJU student receives priority in the admissions process provided that the student maintains the minimal GPA (3.0), completes required courses, successfully completes the interview process and meets the WJU application deadlines.



The graduate professional program consists of two years of intensive course work and clinical assignments spanning six consecutive terms in residence plus one online term at the beginning of their studies. The graduate earns a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. The physical therapy curriculum utilizes problem based learning model rather than the traditional lecture method of presentation. Students are assigned to small tutorial groups guided by a faculty member or tutor. This curricular design prepares students exceptionally well to enter the clinical setting as creative, reflective and analytical problem solvers and critical thinker. This has been verified through our students' high rate of success in their clinical education courses and high passage rate on the licensure examinations.

Admission Process for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Cohort classes begin each fall. Applicants must have submitted all application documents and their file must be completed by December 15th to be considered for the class in the following fall. Review of applications and selection of applicants for interviews will begin after December 15th.

Admission Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree in any field.
2. Candidates must earn at least a 3.0 GPA in all courses for the selected major including the Liberal Arts Core. In addition, candidates must complete the courses listed below with a GPA above 3.0 and with no grades below "C."

Course	Credits	WJU Equivalent
Biology	4	BIO 109, BIO 121
Chemistry	8	CHE 110, 120, 121, 122
Human Anatomy & Physiology	7	BIO 127, 128, 129
Physics	8	PHY 110, 120, 121, 122
Statistics	3	PSY 115
Psychology	9	PSY 110, 212 Developmental (in addition to PSY 115 above)
Other Core	39	Requirements in completion of Liberal Arts Core

3. Interview Process: The interview is a scored admissions activity. Therefore, applicants must pass this interview in order to be further considered for admission into the DPT Program. The objective of the interview is to evaluate the applicant's affective abilities particularly verbal and non-verbal communication, their ability to critically think and their understanding of the profession and the PBL curricular model. Selection for interview is based on the applicant's GPA and evidence gathered in the applicant's file (i.e., letters of reference). The interviews are held in the second half of the month of January. A sample writing exercise will also be required in order to evaluate the applicant's writing abilities.
4. Direct observation of physical therapists working in a variety of settings is recommended. Eighty hours of clinical observation are required.
5. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are considered in the admission process.

6. Three letters of reference are required.

A full description of the graduate physical therapy program is available in the Wheeling Jesuit University Graduate catalog. Brochures and application packages are available from the Department of Physical Therapy. Call 866-243-2068 toll free or email wjupt@wju.edu.

Adult Education

Wheeling Jesuit University offers degree and degree completion programs during evening hours and online which are designed to meet the special needs of the adult learner and working public. These programs include a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting, a Bachelor of Liberal Arts, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for registered nurses with an RN to MSN track (also offered online), a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership (offered online) and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development. Each degree is a self-contained unit whereby all course requirements can be completed by attending evening or online classes. All degree programs are approved for veterans' benefits.

The Division of Adult and Continuing Education also offers professional certificate programs and other continuing education. For additional and more specific information consult the Adult Student catalog or contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, 304-243-2250 or 1-800-873-7665.

Graduate & Doctoral Programs

Wheeling Jesuit University offers an M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) and M.S.A. (Master of Science in Accountancy) program. Both programs are professional in nature and attempt to integrate the traditional liberal arts with a modern career-oriented curriculum. The MSA program prepares students for the CPA exam.

The Master of Science in Nursing offers tracks in nursing administration, family nurse practitioner or nursing education specialist. This graduate program is designed for the convenience of working adults and is online. Post-Master's nursing certificates are also available as an option for students.

The Master of Arts in Science and Mathematics Education Program is designed for current science and mathematics teachers. The program is currently undergoing curriculum revisions.

Wheeling Jesuit University offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This degree involves two full calendar years of work and uses a "problem-based approach" as its curricular organizing principle. Wheeling Jesuit University students are given priority in the application process. However, transfer students are considered after all Wheeling Jesuit applicants have been evaluated. The program is CAPTE accredited.

For more information, consult the Graduate catalog or contact the Division of Adult and Continuing Education, 1-800-873-7665.