NMU School of Health & Human Performance

Information for **Pre-Physical Therapy** and **Pre-Occupational Therapy** Concentrations

1. Undergraduate pathways to Pre-PT and Pre-OT in the School of Health & Human Performance
    a. Rehabilitation Science
        i. Program Coordinator: Dr. Julie Rochester
    b. Applied Exercise Physiology & Kinesiology'
        i. Program Coordinator: Dr. Matt Kilgas

2. Student Clubs/Organizations
    a. **Pre-PT Club** - Faculty Advisor: Dr. Lukus Klawitter
    b. **Pre-OT Club** - Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matt Kilgas

3. Academic Advisors
    a. Senior Success Advisors - For assistance with degree planning, course registration, etc.
        i. Sara Kilgas
        ii. Juliet Lockwood
    b. SHHP Faculty - **Pre-PT - For assistance with PTCAS and PT observational experiences.**
        i. Dr. Lukus Klawitter
        ii. Dr. Isaac Wedig
    c. SHHP Faculty - **Pre-OT - For assistance with OTCAS and OT observational experiences.**
        i. Dr. Matt Kilgas

4. Observational Experiences
    a. Observational experiences for PT/OT Graduate School applications/admission are the responsibility of the student. These experiences are NOT required as a part of NMU's curriculum. SHHP Faculty advisors may assist you with setting up these experiences.
    b. Things for students/faculty advisors to remember (per NMU Risk Management):
        i. The Agency (site where observation experience is occurring) should understand that the student's participation is not an NMU requirement and, as a result, NMU's insurance would not provide coverage for the student.
        ii. We want to ensure we direct students to established businesses or agencies with appropriate screening and vetting policies for their employees.
        iii. Students should understand that if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in the environment, they should leave and notify us. This will allow us to reassess whether we should continue recommending that organization to other students.

Directory

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Local Agencies that may allow students the opportunity to complete observation experiences (not an exhaustive list):

1. **UP Health System**
2. **UP Rehab Services**
3. **Active Physical Therapy**
4. **Northern Michigan Physical Therapy**
5. **Tenet Therapies**
6. **Advanced Center for Orthopedics**