

Physical therapy doctoral program

Pacific University's School of Physical Therapy recently announced the addition of a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Pacific has the only physical therapist program in Oregon and is one of only 14 universities in the nation offering the entry-level DPT degree.

The School was granted full accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education in May to move to the doctoral as an entry-level degree. This fall's entering class is the first to study under the new program. The current master's degree will be phased out.

The Bobs offer fun and creative talent

The Pacific University Performing Arts Series will open its 2000-2001 season with The Bobs, an a cappella quartet, on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in McCready Hall in the Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center.

The "Deliciously oddball voices" of the well-known quartet, The Bobs, combine creativity with show-stopping talent for a performance that mixes theater, comedy and performance art. Having gained fans worldwide, The Bobs, made up of Amy Engelhardt, Joe Finetti, Richard Greene and Matthew Stull, have been nominated for a Grammy and appeared on network television, scored movies, produced commercials and participated as musical commentators on National Public Radio. Using only their voices and body percussion, The Bobs, who call their music "new wave a cappella" entertain audiences with tunes from doo-wop, jazz, scat, contemporary, soul, cabaret and others.

Founded in 1981, the group has released nine albums, and is known for their witty song lyrics and rich voices. "The Bobs", wrote *The Washington Post*, "prove that the human voice remains the most powerful instrument of all."

Tickets for The Bobs' performance are \$18 and can be purchased at Fred Meyer Fastixx at 503-224-8499 or at the Pacific University Box Office at 503-359-2918.



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The change in the program comes after one-and-a-half years of extensive planning, along with submitting a rigorous self-study in March. Program Director of the School of Physical Therapy, Daiva Banaitis, said the move to the new program will keep Pacific's School of Physical Therapy ahead of the curve. "The profession is moving to the doctoral degree", said Banaitis. "Our students will have the advantage of being on the cutting edge."

The program will still take three years to complete, but students will not receive full summers off as they did under the master's degree program.

Pacific's Physical Therapy program began in 1975 and offered a baccalaureate level degree at that time. That was changed to a master's of science in physical therapy in 1985. The program currently enrolls 108 students and is ranked nationally by *U.S. News and World Report* for its excellence.

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