

International Perspectives in Physiotherapy

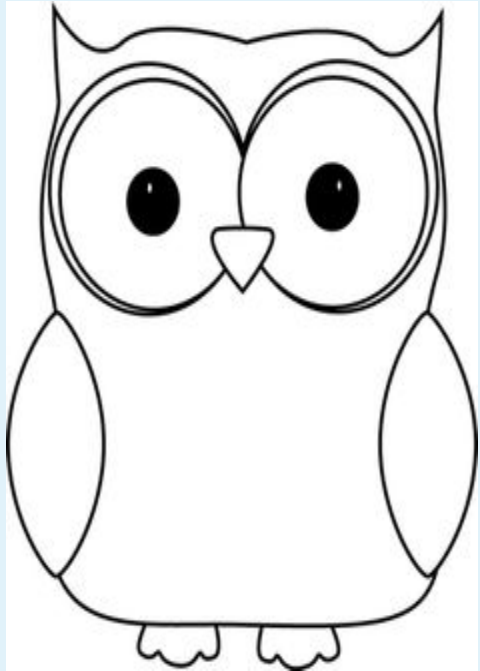


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Education System of Physiotherapy

in Greece



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Historical Retrospection

Physiotherapy : *physio-* ; *physis* = natural order, *therapy* (θεραπεία)
(Greek origin)

Greek : Φυσικοθεραπεία

From ancient years

460 BC : Hippocrates → From a therapeutic art to Health Science

Means of treatment: Massage and hydrotherapy

Isocrates, Aristoteles, Galen → “a mean of treatment is massage or physical activity”

Historical Retrospection

- 1958

First school in General hospital “Βασιλεύς Παύλος” → 2 years training for physical therapist assistants.

- 1975

2 Departments in Athens – Thessaloniki (Κ.Α.Τ.Ε.Ε)

- 1983

2 Faculties of Physiotherapy (Τ.Ε.Ι) , Athens – Thessaloniki

- 1995

3rd Faculty of Physiotherapy (Τ.Ε.Ι), Lamia

- 2003

4th Faculty of Physiotherapy (Τ.Ε.Ι), Patras (Aigio)

Faculty of Health and Caring professions

Department of Physiotherapy

4 Technological Educational Institutions (T.E.I) equivalent to universities

Athens



Thessaloniki



Lamia



Patras (Aigio)



Public Education



Admission Requirements

- ✓ Certificate of Upper Secondary Education (Lyceum)
- ✓ Pan-Hellenic entrance examinations

Entrance grades 2014

TEI Athens

TEI Thessaloniki

TEI Patra(Aigio)

TEI Lamia

16,29/20

16,02/20

14,7/20

14,09/20

Study Plan

In total 4 years (8 semesters) → 240 ECTS

7 semesters : Theoretical classes, practical classes, laboratories, clinical exercises, writing research assignments and seminars.

8th semester :

- ✓ Supervised clinical placement 6 months (26 weeks, 1040 hours)
Public hospitals, Health institutions
- ✓ Dissertation

The studies covers

Pathological disorders and dysfunctions of:

Orthopedic

Rheumatic

Sports associated

Neurological

Respiratory

Cardiovascular

Graduation



The grading scheme is based on the scale of ten as follows:

8.50 – 10.00: «Excellent»

6.50 – 8.49: «Very Good»

5.00 – 6.49: «Good»

Private Education

- Bsc in Physiotherapy

Metropolitan College (Athens, Thessaloniki)/ Queen Margaret University

4 years → 480 credits

- Bsc IST college (Athens) / University of Hertfordshire

3 years

- Bsc Physical Therapy Attico College (Athens)/ University of Plymouth

3 year

Requirements

High School degree

English

Tuition fees : 5.000 – 7.000 E / year

Studies Assistant of Physiotherapy

Public

IEK

Athens , Thessaloniki, Patra, Ioannina, Lamia

Private

- IEK KSINI
- IEK SVIE
- IEK DELTA
- IEK AKMI (Athens – Thessaloniki)
- IEK OMIROS

Total Duration : 2 years

Post graduate Studies

- Master of Science in Advanced Physiotherapy (since 2014)

Duration : 2 years TEI Lamias

Tuition fees 6.000 E

- Seminar Education

Seminars in Manual Therapy (18 months) approved by IFOMPT

340 hours theoretical and laboratory courses

180 hours clinical placement

Cost: 4.000 E

Post graduate Studies

- Specialization in paediatric physiotherapy

T.E.I Thessaloniki – Paediatric clinic “Hippocrates University Hospital”

Duration : 210 hours / part time

Tuition fees : 1.200 E

Post graduate Studies

Licensed physiotherapist can follow further specific Master programs at:

- ✓ Public universities of Health Sciences and Health Care
- ✓ Public universities of Sports Sciences

Conclusion

- Lack of specialized Master programs integrated in the faculties of public education
- No international programs
- Teaching language in public universities is only Greek
- No active collaboration of T.E.Is in scientific research and publications
- Private education requires high tuition fees and diploma recognition, as well as professional rights are doubtful in Greece

Thank you !

Ευχαριστώ!

Questions?

