

**Western Libraries
Collections Management Policy
For Physical Therapy**

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Purpose of the collection:

The physical therapy collection of Western Libraries is intended to support the research activities of faculty, students and staff and the instructional requirements of undergraduate and graduate programs. The collection also provides support for teaching and research in a wide variety of related fields such as Health Studies, and Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

The Allyn & Betty Taylor Library is the primary location for material supporting the research and instructional needs of the School of Physical Therapy with its diverse collection of print and electronic resources.

Program information:

The School of Physical Therapy has grown to include research-based master's and PhD programs along with distance learning clinical programs in the areas of manipulative therapy and wound healing.

Programs offered:

Master of Clinical Science (MCISc.)
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)
MPT/PhD Combined Program
MSc/PhD in Physical Therapy

Western's School of Physical Therapy is also home to a variety of research labs and facilities that allow students to gain hands-on experience and develop the skill and knowledge necessary to be leaders in the field of therapy and rehabilitation.

- Cardiopulmonary Laboratory
- Mobility in Aging Research Laboratory
- Pediatric Functional Motor Ability
- Wound Healing Laboratory
- Clinical Exercise Physiology Assessment Laboratory
- Wolf Orthopaedic Biomechanics Laboratory

- Pain and Quality of Life Integrational Research Lab
- Physical Function and Aging Laboratory

Subject areas covered:

Collections activity will address all aspects of physical therapy. In particular, collection development and management will focus on materials supporting the main areas of research strength for the Department such as musculoskeletal rehabilitation, clinical biomechanics, health promotion, physical activity with children, osteoarthritis, manipulative physiotherapy, and stroke rehabilitation.

Subject areas covered but not limited to:

Physical Therapy

Communications

Education

Ethics

Professionalism

Theory

Evidenced-based Practice

Therapeutic Modalities

Human Anatomy

Exercise Physiology

Musculoskeletal System

Neurology

Orthopedics

Rehabilitation

Gerontology

Health Science

Wound Healing

Physical format

Acquisitions will include resources in all types of formats with a preference for digital format when suitable. Examples of frequently acquired materials include, but are not limited to, books, journals, databases and other digital resources.

Accessibility:

Western Libraries is committed to providing an environment for all library users to engage in research and scholarship. Accordingly, preference will be given to e-resources with interfaces that are accessible via screen readers and those which offer accessible format download options (i.e., versions that are machine-readable). Further information about research support through Western Libraries' Accessibility Services is available at: <http://www.lib.uwo.ca/accessibility>.

Language:

English is the primary language of the collection and materials in other languages may be acquired to support the curriculum.

Source of publication

Sources of publication are primarily Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia with the language restriction applied. Material published in other regions may be considered on request and will be evaluated for quality and relevance.

Date of publication

Materials with a recent imprint date are preferred. Older material will be considered upon request.

Exclusions

With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not acquired:

- Popular literature
- Conference and symposium proceedings
- Theses or dissertations from other institutions
- Course textbooks

Related collections and cooperation

The Western Libraries collection for physical therapy is supplemented by collections in related fields, such as clinical medicine, basic medical sciences, and biological sciences.

Due to the diversity of physical therapy education and practice, other libraries at Western maintain resources of interest to the School of Physical Therapy. These include the D.B. Weldon Library where information in the area of social sciences and psychology can be found, the Business Library which has literature on management and administration, and the Law Library for health services legislation.

Gifts

The library gratefully accepts gifts of materials in good condition which are within the scope of coverage for its collection and which the library either does not already own or does not own in sufficient depth to support teaching and research needs.

Receipts for tax purposes are issued in accordance with the Western Libraries policy for gifts. Those wishing to make donations should contact the Subject Librarian for physical therapy.

Managing the collection

In order to ensure that collections remain optimally useful for our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Items will need to be selectively removed from the active collection from time to time.

Serial subscriptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and the active collection is based on a number of criteria that include, but are not limited to, a review of usage and the level to which the title supports research and/or teaching.

Duplicate items that are no longer required to support the curriculum, and damaged items that can no longer be replaced may be removed from the active collection at the discretion of the Subject Librarian. Items that are unique to Western may be transferred to a storage facility and material housed in these storage facilities is available on request through the Library Catalogue.

Criteria for transfer selection include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Outdated or previous editions of titles
- 2) Medium- to low-use items
- 3) Material that is available in alternate formats, i.e., online
- 4) Materials that would benefit from storage in a more controlled environment.

Consult the Subject Librarian for further details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material

The majority of monograph purchases for physical therapy are acquired through the use of a monographs profile with the book vendor Coutts/Ingram. Patrons have two avenues for becoming involved with the acquisition of materials: They can make recommendations for the collection through the online form available at <https://www.lib.uwo.ca/acquire.html> or they select books through the Demand Driven Acquisition process, by automatically triggering purchase and immediate access to previously non-owned e-books listed in our catalogue.