

Physical Therapy Graduate Program

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS)

The OSU Physical Therapy Graduate Program offers a Clinical Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT). This degree consists of 114 credit hours taken over 9 consecutive semesters. The Physical Therapy Graduate Program provides an integrative approach to the didactic, laboratory, and clinical experiences required in health care and physical therapy as it is practiced in the current medical environment. The increasing demands of the profession require that the entry-level practitioner be an independent thinker with high level problem-solving skills. Hence, the curriculum is designed to facilitate active learning through a case-based approach integrating classroom learning with clinical experiences.

Admission Application Instructions

These application instructions have been prepared for applicants to the physical therapy professional program. They should be used as a reference when completing the application materials.

Applying for Admission

The program has a two-step admission process. Applicants must first apply to the centralized application system, PTCAS (www.ptcas.org). Once the PTCAS application has been received by the DPT program, applicants will complete the OSU supplemental application.

When to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission as soon as possible after the July opening date. This is especially important for non-OSU applicants because an evaluation of their prerequisite coursework will need to be completed. Applications submitted to PTCAS after the **October 1st deadline** will be considered only after all other applications postmarked by the deadline have been reviewed, and only if vacancies occur in the class. **To apply, please visit www.ptcas.org. Please allow 4-6 weeks for PTCAS to process and forward your application to OSU.**

Application Materials

The application materials listed in the application checklist constitute a complete application for admission to the DPT program. All materials must be received before an application for admission can be given consideration.

Application Fee

An applicant seeking admission to the physical therapy professional program may be required to pay a nonrefundable \$60 supplemental application fee (\$70 for international applicants) prior to submitting their supplemental application. **Please do not send checks to the OSU Physical Therapy program or Graduate Admissions.**

Prerequisite Summary Worksheet

Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses prior to the anticipated enrollment into the program. To assist us in assessing your eligibility, please complete the Prerequisite Summary Worksheet located on the supplemental application. Indicate which courses you have taken (or will take) that you believe will fulfill the prerequisites listed. Send this form to the Physical Therapy Division Office at the address listed below. Please report any changes that occur in your prerequisite list to the OSU's Physical Therapy program.

References

Applicants are required to supply three references/evaluations. One must be completed by a Physical Therapist, the second by an educator and the third by an employer/coach/mentor. Evaluators can submit electronic letters of reference or paper references to PTCAS.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

Applicants to the Physical Therapy program are required to submit official scores from the GRE directly to PTCAS (#7796). You can obtain test registration and information packets from any local university or by visiting www.gre.org. All applicants should take the test at least 8 weeks or more prior to the October 1st application deadline to allow test scores to arrive at the university by the deadline.

Transcripts

Applicants will provide PTCAS with official transcripts of all current, prior and future undergraduate, graduate and professional course work. Please refer to the PTCAS application for more information.

Admission Criteria

Admission to Physical Therapy is highly competitive. Applicants whose credentials are the most complete and who present the highest qualifications will be accepted for admission. Completion of the stated selection criteria does not assure admission to Physical Therapy.

•Completion of program prerequisites:

Applicants will be expected to have no more than 2 missing prerequisites at the time of application. However, preference will be given to those applicants with all prerequisites completed at the time of application.

•Clinical exposure to physical therapy:

Applicants must spend at least 40 hours of direct association with a physical therapist in a clinical setting. All applicants are required to have one of three evaluations completed by a Physical Therapist from this setting. For official documentation of experience hours, please refer to the PTCAS application instructions.

•Academic achievement:

As demonstrated by the cumulative grade-point average and the grades in program prerequisites. Only applicants with a cumulative point-hour ratio of 3.0 or higher at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission. ALL grades from ALL coursework taken at accredited institutions will be considered in evaluating applicants. The program values applicants who will provide cultural, racial, economic, and geographic diversity to the school.

Program Prerequisites

Applicants admitted into the program are required to complete a bachelor's degree as well as the prerequisite courses listed below. Applicants must complete the following courses or equivalent courses with a C- or better to be eligible for admission consideration.

- 2 course general chemistry sequence**
- 2 course general physics sequence**
- 2 course in general biology sequence**
- 1 course in general psychology**
- 1 course in human growth and development**
- 1 course in human physiology**
- 1 course in physiology of exercise**
- 1 course in human vertebrate anatomy**
- 1 course in statistical analysis OR 1 course in research design**

Graduate Fellowships

The University (UF) and Enrichment (GE) Graduate Fellowship awards provide a monthly stipend and payment of resident and nonresident fees. Terms and renewal will vary with the type of fellowship awarded. Fellowships are limited in number and are awarded on a competitive basis each year to applicants who show outstanding scholarly accomplishment and exceptional potential for graduate study. Eligibility requirements for the UF are: cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) as well as a 75th percentile average on the GRE Verbal and Quantitative components and a 4.0 on the Analytical Writing component. Students taking the GMAT must achieve a 75th percentile on the GMAT total score. Eligibility requirements for the GE are: cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

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as well as a 40th percentile average on the GRE Verbal and Quantitative components and a 3.5 on the Analytical Writing component. Students taking the GMAT must achieve a 40th percentile on the GMAT total score. The Occupational Therapy faculty will select the most highly qualified applicants and place their names in nomination to the Graduate School in mid February. Fellowship awards are announced around March 15 and acceptance by recipients is due around April 15. If you are interested in applying for a fellowship award, be sure to contact the SHRS Admission Office.

Special Note: Those interested in applying for Fellowships need to supply 3 recommendation letters and a statement of intent with their application materials. These **Reference Forms** are found at <http://www-afa.adm.ohio-state.edu/apps/pdfs/refer.pdf>.

Health Information

A health review is required of all students after acceptance into the Physical Therapy program. Information regarding this review will be sent to those admitted during the spring prior to the start of the professional program.

Valuing Diversity

The Ohio State University is committed to nondiscrimination, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. This commitment is both a matter of law and moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community in which individual differences and diversity are celebrated. Accordingly, discrimination against any individual for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, disability or veteran status is specifically prohibited. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination. Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 provides equal employment opportunities and reasonable accommodation, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in education programs and activities. Equal access to employment opportunities, admissions, educational programs and all other University activities is extended to all persons.

English Proficiency

If your native language is not English, and if English was not the primary language used in your home or the school you attended, you must take one of the following tests to determine whether your English proficiency is sufficient to enable you to achieve your academic goals at Ohio State. To be successful at Ohio State, students should possess a level of English proficiency represented by a score of at least 550 on the paper-based, 213 on the computer-based and 79-80 on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a score of 82 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). TOEFL scores are considered an admission requirement for the Physical Therapy program. Information and registration materials for the tests can be obtained from TOEFL at <http://www.ets.org/toefl>, P.O.Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 or MELAB at <http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/test-takers/tests/melab/>, CaMLA, Argus 1 Building, 535 West William St., Suite 310, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48103-4978, United States.

Retention/Reapplication Information

Application materials are retained in the Graduate Admissions Office for one year. The application and all supporting documents become the property of Ohio State and may not be returned to the applicant, forwarded to another institution, or duplicated for any purpose. If you wish to reapply to next year's class, you must submit a new application at the time of application.

Office for Disability Services

Applicants with documented disabilities who may require accommodations and services are encouraged to contact the Office for Disability Services (ODS). The ODS offers a variety of services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities, including learning disabilities, hearing or visual impairments, mobility impairments, attention deficit disorders (ADD/ADHD), psychiatric or

medical disabilities. Academic accommodations, auxiliary aids, and support services are individualized and based on disability documentation, functional limitations, and a collaborative assessment of needs. As ODS is the designated campus office to determine appropriated accommodations and auxiliary aids for students with disabilities, documentation of the disability for eligibility determination should be submitted to ODS as early as possible in the admissions process. For more information about academic accommodations and services for students with disabilities, contact ODS at (614) 292-3307 (V/T), (614) 292-0901 (TDD), FAX (614) 292-4190. The office is located at 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210-1297. The website address is: <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>. Your self-referral is the only indication of your interest and need of academic services and accommodations.

Criminal Background Check

Many states, institutions, and registration licensure boards impose severe restrictions on hiring or credentialing medical personnel who have felony or misdemeanor convictions. Accepted applicants will be required to complete a criminal background check prior to enrollment as mandated by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Applicants having such a record must seek advice of the Physical Therapy Office before pursuing a course of study leading to a profession where such restrictions might preclude licensure or employment in the profession.

Application Checklist

Use this checklist in collaboration with PTCAS instructions to be sure you have completed all the steps necessary to apply for admission to the program.

1. Complete online PTCAS application.
2. Complete the OSU supplemental application.
3. Complete and send GRE and/or TOEFL scores to PTCAS. (code #7796)
4. Complete and send in University Fellowship materials if applicable.

Contact Information

Graduate Admissions Office mailing address:

Graduate and Professional Admissions
P.O. Box 182004
Columbus, OH 43218-2004
(614) 292-9444

Graduate and Professional Information desk on campus:

Student Academic Services Building, Lobby
281 W Lane Ave.
Columbus, OH 43210-1132

Email for Domestic Applicants: domestic.grad@osu.edu

Email for International Applicants: international.grad@osu.edu

PTCAS

Please direct all PTCAS related questions to:
<http://www.ptcas.org/contactus/>

Physical Therapy Office

406 Atwell Hall
453 West 10th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210-1234
(614) 292-5824

Program Questions

Please contact Jaclyn Poulos at: jaclyn.poulos@osumc.edu OR visit the program website at:
<http://medicine.osu.edu/hrs/pt/pages/index.aspx>

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