



## Physical Therapy Graduate Program

The OSU Physical Therapy Graduate Program offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree completed in 13 consecutive quarters. The 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 entry-level practitioners be independent thinkers with high level problem-solving skills. Hence, the curriculum is designed to facilitate active problem-solving through a case-based approach and integrating classroom learning with clinical experiences.

### Admission Application Instructions

These application instructions along with instructions found on the PTCAS website have been prepared for applicants to the physical therapy program. They should be used as a reference when completing the application materials.

### When to Apply

The Physical Therapy Program at Ohio State will now be accepting applications through a centralized application service, PTCAS. Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission as soon as possible after the **August 1st opening date**. This is especially important for non-OSU applicants because an evaluation of their prerequisite course work will need to be completed. Applications received after the **CWCVYf 2nd 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](http://www.ptcas.org).**

### 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.

### Applying for Admission

Use the centralized Physical Therapy application **available on and after August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Use your correct legal name at the time you apply to the university. If your name or address changes prior to enrollment in the university, it is important that you notify PTCAS and Physical Therapy Program.

### Application Fee

An applicant seeking admission to the physical therapy program is required to pay a non-refundable fee based on the number of PTCAS designations, as well as a non-refundable \$40 application fee (\$50 for international applicants) for the Ohio State's supplemental application.

### 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 found on the supplemental application. Indicate which courses you have taken (or will take) that you believe will fulfill the prerequisites listed. Please report any changes that occur to your prerequisite list to the OSU's Physical Therapy Program.

### Evaluations

Applicants are required to supply 3 evaluations. One form must be completed by a Physical Therapist, the second by an educator (faculty member or advisor) and the third by an employer/coach/mentor. Evaluators can submit electronic letters of reference (eLORs) or paper references to PTCAS. Review the PTCAS directory to learn the number and types of evaluators required and not accepted by each institution. PTCAS will NOT determine if you have met the reference requirements for a particular PT program.

### Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

Applicants to the Physical Therapy program are required to submit official scores for the GRE. You may also register for the test or obtain information by contacting GRE directly:

Website: <http://www.gre.org> Telephone: 1-609-771-7670  
Address: Educational Testing Service  
P.O. Box 6000  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6000 USA

The GRE is offered primarily in computer based test format. All applicants should take the test 8 weeks or more prior to the November 3rd application deadline to allow test scores to arrive at the university by the deadline. When sending scores to Ohio State refer to code #1592.

### Transcripts

Applicants will provide PTCAS with official transcripts of all current and prior 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.

#### •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** course work 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
- 1 course in general biology
- 1 course in general psychology
- 1 course in human growth and development
- 1 course in medical/scientific terminology
- 1 or 2 courses (sequence) in human physiology
- 1 course in physiology of exercise
- 1 course in human vertebrate anatomy
- 1 course in statistical analysis
- 1 course in research design

## **Graduate Fellowships**

Most 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. To be eligible for Fellowship consideration, you must indicate this on the supplemental application, must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.10 out of a possible 4.0 in undergraduate work. The Physical 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 March 15 and acceptance by recipients is due April 15. If you are interested in applying for a fellowship award, be sure to indicate so on the application form.

**Special Note:** Those interested in applying for Fellowships need to supply 3 recommendation and references forms, as well as a statement of intent with their application materials. The Reference Forms can be 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.

## **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.

## **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, we strongly recommend that you 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 and 213 on the computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a score of 82 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). International applicants may be required to take TOEFL or MELAB and should contact the Admissions Office for further information.

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.lsa.umich.edu/eli/melab.htm>, University of Michigan English Language Institute, 3020 North University Bldg., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

## **Retention/Reapplication Information**

Application materials are retained the Physical Therapy Program 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 the next year's class, you must submit a new application form at the time of reapplication.

## **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.

## **Contact Information**

### **Graduate Admissions Office**

The Ohio State University  
P.O. Box 182004  
Columbus, OH 43218-2004  
USA  
(614) 292-9444  
Email for Domestic Applicants:  
[domestic.grad@osu.edu](mailto:domestic.grad@osu.edu)  
For International Applicants:  
[International/grad@osu.edu](mailto:International/grad@osu.edu)

### **Physical Therapy Office**

516 Atwell Hall  
453 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Columbus, OH 43210-1234  
(614) 292-5922  
For questions contact Lisa Terek  
at: (614) 292-8112  
Or visit the program website at:  
<http://www.amp.osu.edu/pt/>

### **PTCAS**

[www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org)

## **Application Checklist**

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

Complete the online PTCAS application which will include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Three reference forms with evaluator comments. References must be from the following: a Licensed Physical Therapist, Professor/Instructor and employer, coach or mentor.
2. Essay
3. Experience Summary Form-experience in a Physical Therapy setting in a volunteer or paid capacity.
4. GRE scores
5. Official copy of transcripts.
6. TOEFL scores-for international applicants.

Complete the online Ohio State supplemental application that will be sent directly to the Physical Therapy Program.