



INFORMATION ON THE MPT PROGRAM

GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The curriculum leading to the Master's degree is a three-year, full time academic and clinical experience consisting of 6 semesters and 2 summers of 90 graduate units. Seven full-time and 8 part-time faculty supported by clinicians in over 350 affiliation sites offer students a comprehensive curriculum including didactic instruction, laboratory experience and clinical education. The clinical component consists of 30 weeks of full-time, off campus clinical internships leading to the "Certificate of Clinical Competency in Physical Therapy" required for licensure. Admission is once a year in the fall semester with forty students accepted. Classes are offered primarily during the day and full time study is required. The *culminating experience* in the final semester is a comprehensive examination designed to prepare students for licensure. In the third year, students choose among courses in advanced orthopedics, international physical therapy, advanced neuroscience, cardiac rehabilitation, advanced analytical anatomy, advanced therapeutic exercise, Pilates, or participate in faculty directed research to satisfy 2 units of electives.

The PT program is housed in the CSUN's Jacaranda Hall and has state of the art labs and equipment including a 3-D motion analysis system, a telemetered EMG system, force-plate, Biodex, telemetered O2 system, DXA scan, balance master, Equi-test and Gait-Rite system for research and teaching.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

There are 30 weeks of full-time, off campus, supervised clinical experiences through out the curriculum. Students are scheduled for three, one-week practicum during the second, fourth and sixth semesters. Internships are scheduled during the summers and the sixth semester; the first (6-8 weeks) follows the first year of academic preparation; the second (6-8 weeks) following the second year with the last internship (16 weeks) during the sixth semester. Successful completion of the clinical component leads to the "Certificate of Clinical Competency in Physical Therapy" required for licensure eligibility.

FACULTY:

There are 7 full-time and 8 part-time faculty members. All full-time faculty hold post professional doctorates: all are licensed physical therapists. Of the full time faculty, two are APTA board certified, one as an orthopedic clinical specialist (OCS) and the other as a pediatric clinical specialist (PCS). Two faculty are CA licensed as a kinesiological electromyographers and another is CA licensed to perform bone densitometry radiography. Faculty to student ratio is 1:12

For additional information, please refer to the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) website at <http://apta.org/education>

REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE MPT PROGRAM

CSUN's Master's in Physical Therapy Degree

The Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) Degree prepares students for licensure as Physical Therapists in the United States. The MPT Program at CSUN is entry-level. Individuals who have completed Bachelor's or high degree programs in Physical Therapy in the US or in other countries, or who already are licensed as Physical Therapists in the US or in other countries are not accepted. The Program requires a baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment and three academic years and two summers to complete. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher throughout the program. In order to sit for licensure, students must successfully complete the clinical component of the program as well. Units in the clinical component do not apply to the MPT degree and are earned during internships and practicums scheduled during the academic year and summers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Completion of a Bachelor's Degree (in a field other than Physical Therapy) prior to enrollment in the program.
2. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within five years of the time of filing the application. GRE scores must be sent to Admissions and Records and a copy must also be sent directly to the Department of Physical Therapy office. (Institution Code 4707 and Department Code 0619).
3. Completion of the majority of prerequisite courses prior to application. Academic success as reflected by performance of prerequisite courses and undergraduate coursework. **a minimum of 3.0 GPA is required in prerequisites.**
4. Completion of all prerequisite coursework prior to entrance into the MPT program
5. Three Letters of Recommendation using the PTCAS recommendation form: one recommendation from a physical therapist is required; two are preferred.
6. Relevant experience. A minimum of 100 documented work/volunteer hours is required. A maximum of 600 documented work/volunteer hours may be credited. Two thirds of documented hours must be under the supervision of a physical therapist. Additional consideration may be given for experience in more than one setting.
7. Community service, extracurricular activities, honors, or awards relevant to future success as a physical therapist.
8. Admission to the CSUN's Graduate School and completion of a separate application to PTCAS as the Department of Physical Therapy application.

SUMMARY OF MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

1. Prerequisite GPA: ≥ 3.0 upon application and maintained until entrance into the program
2. Individual prerequisite course grade: 2.0 "C" or higher upon application. *A maximum of 15 semester units in prerequisite courses may be repeated for the purpose of counting the higher grade.*
3. Cumulative undergraduate (UG) GPA: ≥ 3.0 upon application and maintained until entrance into the program.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS ONCE ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM

1. Pass the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam before the end of the first semester of the program
2. Show evidence of valid CPR competency (2-man and infant/community)
3. Complete a health exam including required immunizations
4. GPA of ≥ 3.0 each semester in the PT program

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Two separate applications must be filed with two sets of official transcripts

I. Graduate School Application

Available on-line beginning on October 1, 2009 at www.csumentor.edu. Applications should be filed **well before** the deadline for submitting the Department of Physical Therapy Application (especially if requesting financial aid). The Master of Physical Therapy program begins in the fall semester, and the graduate school applications should be submitted in November in the year prior to beginning the program. A complete set of transcripts is required with this application. The specified objective is "MPT".

For International Admission and Credit Evaluation, please refer to <http://www.csun.edu/~ariagesp/welcome.html>

Note to Applicants: You must complete a Bachelors degree prior to beginning the Physical Therapy Program in Fall 2010. Please note there is a delay between completion of coursework for the Bachelor's Degree and posting of the degree, which could affect eligibility for financial aid in your first semester of the MPT program.

II. Department of Physical Therapy Application

This is separate from CSUN's graduate school application described above. The Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) is a service of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). PTCAS will allow applicants to use a single Web-based application and one set of materials to apply to multiple physical therapist (PT) education programs. Most applicants will be using this service which reduces the amount of time it will take to fill out multiple applications. The MPT Application is available in a downloadable/printable version online from the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) at www.ptcas.org. Applicants can begin the PTCAS application on **July 1, 2009**.

Deadline for submitting the **MPT APPLICATION (electronically submitted)** is ***no later than Monday, January 1, 2010***. The MPT application packet must be electronically submitted by this date. There is a \$120 PTCAS fee and a \$30 school fee for this application. Please contact the Department of Physical Therapy if you are having difficulty submitting the PTCAS application at 818-677-2203 or pt@csun.edu.

Electronic Submission: www.ptcas.org

Dates for processing applications to the Department of Physical Therapy

January 1, 2010	Deadline for completed application
April, 2010	Notification of acceptance

III. Faculty Contacts for Advisement/Questions:

Please visit our website at <http://hhd.csun.edu/pt> for additional information about the Master's in Physical Therapy. It is recommended that students attend one of our regularly scheduled group advisement sessions. If you have any questions concerning the application process please contact the faculty member who is assigned as your advisor (assigned by the first letter of your last name).

**Last names
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PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM Taken once accepted into the MPT Program

YEAR 1 (31 UNITS)

PT	300	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
PT	301/L	Applied Anatomy for PTs/Lab	2/2
PT	302/L	Applied Physiology for PTs/Lab	3/1
PT	302A	Pathophysiology (3)	3
PT	400/L	Biomechanics for PT/Lab	3/1
PT	401A/L	Therapeutic Procedures 1/Lab	2/1
PT	404	Proseminar: Physical Disability & Illness	3
PT	405/L	Applied Neuroscience/Lab	3/1
PT	449/L	Introduction to Patient Mgt: Evaluation & Intervention	2/2

YEAR 2 + 3 (44 UNITS)

PT	502/L	Evaluation & Treatment of the Pediatric Patient/Lab	2/1
PT	503/L	Therapeutic Intervention for Peripheral Dysfunction/Lab	2/2
PT	504/L	Therapeutic Intervention for Spinal Dysfunction/Lab	2/2
PT	506A	Evidence Based Practice 1	2
PT	506B	Evidence Based Practice 2	2
PT	549/L	Cardiopulmonary Assessment and Treatment/Lab	2/1
PT	601B	Administration & Professional Concepts in PT	3
PT	601E	Educational Practices in Physical Therapy	2
PT	601G	Geriatric Rehabilitation	2
PT	601T/L	Therapeutic Procedures 2/Lab	1/1
PT	603/L	Prosthetics, Orthotics, Advanced Gait Analysis/Lab	2/1
PT	604/L	Neurological Physical Therapy 1/Lab	2/2
PT	609/L	Neurological Physical Therapy 2/Lab	2/2
PT	605	Pharmacology/Imaging for PT	2
PT	607	Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy	2
PT	608	Neurological Processes in Development and Aging	2
PT	697	Directed Comprehensive Studies (Comprehensive Exam)	3

ELECTIVES (2 UNITS) Select 2 units from the following

PT	505	Advanced Neuroscience	2
PT	507/L	Cardiac Rehabilitation/Lab	1/1
PT	606/L	Advanced Analytical Anatomy/Lab	2/1
PT	610	Seminar in Advanced Orthopedics	3
PT	690DB	PT & Advanced Therapeutic Exercise	2
PT	690GC	Advanced Pediatrics	3
PT	690IC	International PT	3
PT	690JB/L	Pilates in PT/Lab	2/1

CERTIFICATE OF CLINICAL COMPETENCE (10 UNITS)

PT	509 C,D,E	Internship	2/2/4
PT	580 A,B	Practicum	1/1

Year 1	31
Year 2 + 3	44
Electives	2
Comprehensive Exam	3
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Clinical Affiliations	10
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Grand Total	90