

California State University, Northridge

FOR FALL (2010)

Department of Physical Therapy

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

PTCAS Application Deadline (should be completed by Jan 1, 2010 to meet CSUN's Department deadline of Feb 16, 2010 (Verification of transcripts by PTCAS takes 4-6 weeks)	PTCAS January 15, 2010
Department Deadline (Copy of the official GRE scores & work verification (for 100 hour blocks) must be sent directly to the Department) and postmarked by Feb 16 th 2010 to be considered. Send to above address	Department February 16th 2010
Deadline Type	Firm Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	NO

Other deadlines:

Application to the Graduate school can be completed once student is notified of acceptance for the Fall 2010 class.
[Graduate School Application](#): Available on-line.

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PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Course Prerequisites:

Applicants must have a "Prerequisite Core" **GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 to be considered for acceptance.**

Must applicants earn a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolling into the PT program? **YES**

For more information about course prerequisites, visit the program Web site: www.csun.edu/hhd/pt/

Course prerequisite fields will be blank if program data is not available or applicable.

Course Prerequisite Name or Subject Area	Req, Rec, Crq*	SEM hrs	QTR hrs	Lab Required (Y/N)	Additional Program Information
Biology	REQ	4	-	YES	Any 4 unit Biology with lab. General Biology or Microbiology are commonly taken.
Human Anatomy	REQ	3	-	YES	Any Human Anatomy with lab. Cadaver Lab strongly recommended. If Anatomy and Physiology are combined, the course must be 2 semesters (8 units). If only one semester of a combined course is taken, it will be counted as Physiology.
Human Physiology	REQ	4	-	YES	Any Human Physiology with lab. Exercise Physiology is not accepted as substitute. Animal or Mammalian Physiology acceptable only if Human Physiology Text was used. If Anatomy and Physiology are combined, the course must be 2 semesters (8 units). If only one semester of a combined course is taken, it will be counted as Physiology.
Chemistry	REQ	4,4	-	YES	Two semesters of General Chemistry or one general and one organic. Need three quarters (12 quarter units) to equal 2 semesters. Two quarters general and one organic is acceptable. All must have labs.
Physics	REQ	4,4	-	YES	Two semesters of Physics with lab. May be either non-Calculus or Calculus based. Need three quarters (12 quarter units) to equal 2 semesters. All must have labs.
Statistics	REQ	3	-	NO	Any Statistics class of at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units. Courses must include hypothesis testing as well as parametric and nonparametric testing.
Psychology	REQ	3,3	-	NO	Two courses in Psychology are required: Any introductory, developmental or higher-level Psychology. Abnormal Psychology or a psychology course with emphasis on psychopathology is highly recommended. If this is not evident in course title, provide a course description from college or university catalog.

* "Req" = required course; "Rec" = recommended course; "Crq" = conditionally required course

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

- GRE: **Required (Copy of Original needs to be sent directly to the Department by Feb 16th 2010)**
- Last acceptable GRE test date(if applicable): **1/31/2010**
- Oldest GRE score considered (if applicable): **16-Feb-05**

GRE table below may contain blank fields if program data is not available or applicable.

GRE Section	Minimum GRE Score	Average GRE Score for Accepted Students
Verbal	.	.
Verbal Percentile	.	.
Quantitative	.	.
Quantitative Percentile	.	.
Analytical	.	.
Analytical Percentile	.	.
Writing	.	.
Writing Percentile	.	.

Additional information about program's GRE requirements:

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required of all students. Applicants whose cumulative undergraduate GPA is below a 3.0 must score at or above the 50th percentile on the verbal or quantitative portions of the aptitude test of the GRE, or score 4.5 or above on the analytical writing portion of the GRE to be considered for program acceptance. Official GRE scores must be sent to Admissions and Records (Institution Code 4707 and Department Code 0619).

References

Total number of references required by program: **3 References required**

REFERENCE TYPE	Reference Type Is Required, Recommended, Accepted, Conditionally Required, NOT Accepted, or Other
Teaching Assistant	NOT Accepted
Supervisor	Accepted
PTA	NOT Accepted
Professor (Science)	Recommended
Professor (Math)	Recommended
Professor (Liberal Arts)	Recommended
Pre-Health Advisor	NOT Accepted
Politician	NOT Accepted
Physical Therapist (1)	Required
Physical Therapist (2)	Recommended
Health Care Provider	Accepted
Friend	NOT Accepted
Family Member	NOT Accepted
Faculty Advisor	NOT Accepted
Employer	Accepted
Co-Worker	NOT Accepted
Clergy	NOT Accepted
OTHER	N/A

Additional information about program's reference requirements:

One recommendation from a physical therapist is required; two are preferred.

PT Observation Hours

Enter your PT observation hours on your PTCAS application. Login to the PTCAS application and print each customized PT Observation Hours form, **if the program requires a physical therapist to verify your hours with a signature. Mail the signed form directly to the PT program, if required. Do not mail to PTCAS.**

PT HOURS	PROGRAM REQUIREMENT
Description of Program's PT Hours Requirement	100 hours are required – 2/3 (70 hours) must be supervised by a licensed PT. Hours must be documented in PTCAS.
Total Number of Hours <i>REQUIRED</i>	100 and documented in PTCAS
Total Number of Hours <i>RECOMMENDED</i>	
DEADLINE for Completion of All PT Hours	16-Feb-2010
PAID Experience	Accepted
VOLUNTEER Experience	Accepted
INPATIENT Experience	Accepted
OUTPATIENT Experience	Accepted
Number of hours in each PT specialty (if specified)	Additional credit for 100 hour blocks in different PT settings- signed forms must be sent directly to the department
Number of hours in each PT setting (if specified)	100 hour blocks

Additional information about program's PT hours requirement: **Relevant experience.**

- **A minimum of 100 documented work/volunteer hours is required. Two thirds of the documented hours must be under the direct supervision of a physical therapist. This should be documented through PTCAS**
- **Additional consideration is given for work/volunteer experience (≥ 100 hour blocks) in more than one setting. A maximum of 500 additional documented work/volunteer hours may be credited to the applicant if verification is received by the department (signed with PT license) by February 16th 2010.**
- **In order for the applicant to receive credit for additional hours (100 hour blocks), the signed, work verification form with the documented hours MUST be sent directly to the Department.**

GPA Requirement

GPA's will be blank if program data is not available or applicable. Data for Fall 2008 class

Name of GPA	Minimum GPA	Average GPA for Accepted Students
Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00	3.53
Program-specific Core Prerequisite	3.00	3.52
Other GPA 1:	.	.
Other GPA 2:	.	.

Additional information about program's GPA requirements (if any):

- **Core Prerequisite GPA:** 3.0 upon application and maintained until entrance into the program.
- Individual prerequisite course grade: 2.0 or higher upon application with all outstanding prerequisites completed with a C or better.
- **In compliance with the following course repeat policies:** A maximum of 15 semester units for all coursework may be repeated.
- **Cumulative undergraduate (UG) GPA:** 3.0 upon application and maintained until entrance into the program
- **The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.** Applicants whose cumulative undergraduate GPA is below a 3.0 must score at or above the 50th percentile on the verbal or quantitative portions of the aptitude test of the GRE, or score 4.5 or above on the analytical writing portion of the GRE to be considered for program acceptance. Official GRE scores must be sent to Admissions and Records (Institution Code 4707 and Department Code 0619). A copy of the official GRE must be sent directly to the Department.

PTCAS Essay Instructions (not required by CSUN)

You can customize your PTCAS essay for each designated PTCAS program. The PT program may require you to respond to specific essay questions. If program instructions below are blank, respond to 3 of the 5 essay questions on the PTCAS application form.

- *What personal characteristics do you have that make you suitable for the profession of physical therapy?*
- *What is your motivation for pursuing a career in physical therapy?*
- *How has your background and experience prepared you to interact effectively with individuals who are different from you in their social, cultural, or economic perspectives?*
- *What types of patients have you observed with the greatest frequency, and what have you learned from them? If you were to be accepted to two or more physical therapy education programs, what would help you make the decision regarding which program you should select?*
- *REPEAT APPLICANTS If you have applied to a physical therapy program in the past five years, what have you done to improve upon, or enhance, your application for this current admissions cycle?*

PROGRAM'S ESSAY REQUIREMENTS (If program instructions are blank, you must respond to 3 of the 5 essay questions on the PTCAS application form): **There is NO essay requirement for this application. We will use your GRE "writing" score to assess your writing skills. If CSUN is the only Physical Therapy Program to which you are applying, please enter "Not Required" in the essay field.**

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

If supplemental materials are required, send items directly to the PT program.

ITEM	PROGRAM REQUIREMENT
Supplemental application required?	YES
Supplemental deadline(s)	<p><u>Graduate School Application</u>: Available on-line</p> <p>You may begin this process once you have been notified of acceptance for Fall 2010. Student must be accepted by CSUN's graduate school by Fall 2010.</p> <p>www.csumentor.edu.</p> <p>A complete set of transcripts is required with this application. The specified objective is "MPT".</p>
Link to supplemental application or instructions	<p><u>Graduate School Application</u>:</p> <p>www.csumentor.edu.</p>
Supplemental FEE required?	YES
If yes, supplemental fee amount	\$ Variable
Material that must be sent directly to the Department	Students must submit a copy of their GRE scores. Work verification forms (signed with PT license) for additional "work experience" credit (100 hour blocks)

Criminal Background Check

Are accepted applicants required to complete a criminal background check? **Varies**

- Description of criminal background check process (if applicable): **NOTE: Please refer to the California Physical Therapy Practice Act, Sections 2635 and 2650 for a description of requirements for licensure and acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480. Please note that some clinical internship sites may require background checks and/or drug testing.**

FOREIGN APPLICANTS AND TRANSCRIPTS

The program's foreign (international) transcript policies do NOT apply to study abroad coursework that is itemized on a U.S. college or university transcript. Study abroad is processed in the same way as U.S. coursework.

POLICY	PROGRAM REQUIREMENT
Program's citizenship requirements (individuals listed may be eligible for admission):	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Program requires non-native speakers to submit TOEFL scores?	NO
Program policy for submission of non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework:	Send original foreign transcript (converted to US equivalencies to program) along with completed PTCAS application).
Program policy for CANADIAN coursework:	Same as instructions for foreign transcripts above.

Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework: **In order for us to review your academic qualifications, you will need to have your transcripts from a foreign country converted to U.S. grade equivalents (not just translated). For international Admissions and Credit Evaluation, please refer to <http://www.csun.edu/~ariagesp/welcome.html>.**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PT Degree Offered:	Program culminates in a Master's degree.
PT Program Start Date(s) For Entering Class:	Fall 2010
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree (if any):	

Profile of Most Recent Entering Class

Items will be blank if program data is not available or applicable. (From Class accepted for Fall 2008)

PROFILE INFORMATION	PROGRAM DATA
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	40
Anticipated Size of Next Entering Class	40
Percent of IN-STATE applicants accepted	91
Percent of <u>WICHE</u> applicants accepted (if applicable):	.
Percent of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) applicants accepted	7
Percent of CANADIAN applicants accepted	.
Percent of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S./non-Canadian) applicants accepted	2

Additional information about the class profile:

Institution's religious affiliation (if any):

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the Department of Physical Therapy at California State University, Northridge offering the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) Degree. CSUN's Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program is proud of its forty year history of graduating outstanding Physical Therapists who serve the public in the State of California and throughout the United States. Physical therapists are licensed medical professionals who provide services aimed at preventing the onset and/or slowing the progression of conditions resulting from injury, disease, and other causes. There are more than 120,000 licensed physical therapists in the US practicing in a variety of settings.

CSUN's MPT program has maintained accreditation throughout its history. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education recently awarded CSUN's MPT program full accreditation through 2013. Acceptance into the MPT program requires a Bachelor's Degree prior to beginning the first semester of courses. The Bachelor's Degree may be in any field (except Physical Therapy) and from any accredited college or university, as long as the other CSUN admissions requirements are fulfilled. Students should select and complete a major in which they have an interest and in which they can also make progress in completing the prerequisite courses for Physical Therapy.

Please explore our website at www.csun.edu/hhd/pt/ for detailed information about the Master of Physical Therapy, including the list of required prerequisites. These must be completed prior to enrollment in the first semester of the Master's Program. You should plan, if possible, to attend one of the regularly scheduled Group Advisement Sessions before calling or making an appointment with a faculty advisor. (Please see Group Advisement Schedule on our webpage.)

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Program. We look forward to hearing from you!