Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

CMU’s DPT Program is a three-year, year-round program that offers:

**Leading-edge Facilities**

CMU’s Health Professions Building provides advanced learning environments and resources, including the clinic, an instructional wing that supports all styles of learning, and a modern laboratory and research wing. Other facilities include a human performance laboratory, biomechanics laboratory, anatomy laboratory with computerized instructional enhancement, a functional assessment laboratory, and two physical therapy teaching laboratories.

**Dedicated Instructors**

Faculty members are nationally recognized for their innovative curriculum and teaching methods, and many have leadership roles within professional organizations.

**Accreditation**

Graduation from an accredited program is required for licensure to practice physical therapy in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. CMU’s DPT Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), the accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

**Quality Curriculum**

The DPT Program curriculum is responsive to the changing health care environment. It encourages the development of physical therapy professionals who are committed to lifelong learning.

**Admission Criteria**

To be considered for admission, students must have completed or be in the final stages of completing an undergraduate degree. At the time you apply for admission to the DPT Program, you must have completed (or be no more than two classes from completing) the following prerequisite courses:

- **Biological Sciences** (14 semester credit hours of biological sciences) - Must include anatomy and physiology with labs, exercise physiology (with or without lab) and an additional biology course
- **Chemistry** (8 semester credit hours)
- **Mathematics** - A background in trigonometry sufficient for success in required physics courses
- **Physics** (8 semester credit hours) - laboratories required
- **Statistics** (3 semester credit hours)
- **Psychology** (9 semester credit hours) - must include developmental psychology

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The prerequisite courses have been chosen to provide students with the appropriate background to be successful in the professional DPT curriculum. Under special circumstances, students who have not completed all of the recommended prerequisites may be admitted if they can demonstrate they possess an academic background that provides equivalent preparation.

Applicants to the DPT Program must complete a minimum of 50 hours exploring physical therapy as a career. Career exploration includes volunteer work or work experience in at least two different settings where physical therapy services are provided. Applicants also may learn about physical therapy through interviews with health professionals or reading professional journals.

Applicants must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average in prerequisite and overall undergraduate academic coursework with no grade below a 2.0 in each prerequisite course. All applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and scores must be sent directly from ETS to PTCAS – reference our website for ETS program codes:

https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/CHP/hp_academics/physical_therapy/Pages/Application-Requirements.aspx

Two formal recommendations are required with each application. One recommendation must come from a licensed physical therapist and the other from a faculty member.

Application Process
and How to Apply

All applicants are required to apply using PTCAS, an online application service, to be considered for our DPT Program. The application deadline is October 1 for the following year’s program. For additional application requirements and instructions, log on to our website at:

https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/CHP/hp_academics/physical_therapy/Pages/Application-Requirements.aspx

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance information can be obtained by contacting the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at: 989-774-3674 or log on to:

https://www.cmich.edu/ess/OSFA/Pages/default.aspx.

For More Information

To learn more about CMU’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, you are invited to attend information sessions held on campus during spring semester. Scheduled dates, locations, time, and registration (RSVP) options are posted to our website every January.

For more information, please contact:

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