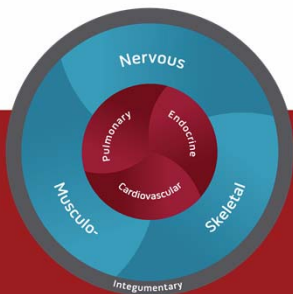




PTCAS
Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service

Applying to the DPT Program



Washington University in St. Louis

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

What should you do first.

- Be in the process of earning a baccalaureate degree in any major. Most common majors are Biology, Exercise Science, Health Science, Kinesiology, and Psychology.
- Review required prerequisites and determine what courses you need to take and when they need to be completed
 - Achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in science, combined math and science, and WU prerequisite coursework.
- Observe at different types of physical therapy facilities such as inpatient, outpatient facilities, home health, etc.
- If English is not your first language, take the test of written English as a foreign language- iBT (100) or IELTS (7).
 - This will be waived if you have completed 3 years of higher education at a regionally accredited institution in the U.S.
- NOTE: We do not require the GRE.

Prerequisites

- One year of Chemistry sequence with labs (8 semester hours)
- One year of Physics sequence with labs (8 semester hours)
- Two Biology courses (6 semester hours)
 - We are looking for cell structure and function courses (not ecology or environmental)
- Anatomy with lab (4 semester hours)
- Physiology with lab (4 semester hours)
 - We will accept a two semester series of Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs in lieu of individual courses
- Statistics (3 semester hours)
- Psychology (3 semester hours)

- Half of the prerequisites must be complete at time of application along with a plan on when the remaining will be completed.

- We require a minimum GPA of 3.0 in science, combined math and science and WU prerequisites GPAs.

How to Apply

Apply through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service

PTCAS.org

- **Important Dates**

- Applications Opened: June 17, 2020
- Deadline: February 1, 2021
- Apply early. It can take up to 5 weeks for PTCAS to verify your file, once it is in “complete” status.

- **Create an account on PTCAS**

- You do not need to complete your application at one time
- You will be able to check to see if your other components have arrived (transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation) and when your grades have been verified by viewing the Check Status tab on your application.
 - After grades are verified – you will receive a link that will provide you with the cumulative GPAs that PTCAS created.
 - See ptcas.org/GPA for more information on calculating GPAs for science, combined math and science and core prerequisites
- Designate Washington University in St. Louis as a school you are applying

Materials Collected by PTCAS

Applicant Sends

- Official transcripts from every university you have attended send directly to PTCAS
 - **International transcripts** (except Canadian) must be credentialed through **World Evaluation Service – wes.org** and sent to PTCAS
- iBT, (100 or above) IELTS (7) if applicable

Requested through the PTCAS application

- PTCASE offers 5 letters of recommendations – WU only requires 3.
 - One must be from a college professor you have completed a course
 - Do not use references from family, friends, PTAs, or personal healthcare professionals.
 - Reminder: Once you have entered your recommenders name and their email address on your application and save your application – it will automatically send out the request at that time.
 - If you submit 5 letters of recommendation, we will review all 5 if they meet our criteria.

Other Components of the Application

- Biographic information
- Academic History
 - Colleges/universities attended (dates of attendance/degree)
 - Key all courses you have completed or plan to complete – PTCAS will use this information to calculate a variety of cumulative GPAs
- Extracurricular activities
- Employment information
- Volunteer/community service
- Honors/Awards
- Licenses and certifications
- Observation hours (not required/but we like to see them in a variety of settings)
- PTCAS Essay – “Every person has a story that has led them to a career. Since there are a variety of health professions that “help” others, please go beyond your initial interaction or experiences with physical therapy, and share the deeper story that has confirmed your decision to specifically pursue physical therapy as your career.”

WUPT School Specific Components - Essays



- Required Essay – “Describe how your life has prepared you to effectively interact with people who differ from you in characteristics such as race, culture, religion, education, socioeconomic status, etc. Provide specific examples. Then tell us why you think this ability will be important as a physical therapist.
- If applicable - Change of Career Essay – “If you have been working in another field (e.g. other health discipline, business, education) for a significant period of time, please provide an essay describing your motivation for this career change.”
- Optional Essay – “How did you first learn about our DPT curriculum and what factors contributed to your decision to apply for admission to Washington University in St. Louis’ Program in Physical Therapy?”

WUPT School Specific Components - Continued

- Match the courses you completed or will complete to our specific prerequisites
- Optional – upload your resume or unofficial TOEFL scores
- WUPT does not have a separate supplemental application or fee



Review and Submit Application



- Review your application
 - make sure all components of the application are complete
 - You may submit your application prior to your transcripts, letters of recommendation, or TOEFL scores showing as received in your PTCAS application
- Submit your application
- Send application fee to PTCAS (\$155 for first designation and \$60 each additional designation) **after you submit your application.**

What Happens Next

- PTCAS will match up the follow to your application in applicable
 - Official transcripts
 - Official WES transcripts
 - Official iBT or IETLS scores
- PTCAS may take up to 5-8 weeks once all required materials are received to verify your application/transcripts
 - PTCAS will not hold your application for missing iBT/IETLS scores, WES transcripts or letters of recommendations

Once your Application is Verified by PTCAS

- An email will be sent by WUPT verifying we received your application
- Your file will be reviewed to confirm
 - all application components are received
 - Prerequisites are met or planned
 - 3.0 cumulative GPAs in science, combined math and science and WU core prerequisites
- An email will be sent confirming if any items are missing and if the prerequisites or cumulative GPAs have not been met
 - If all components of the application are there and you have completed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the prerequisites and the cumulative GPAs are met, you will receive your committee review date

Admissions Process

- We do not interview our applicants
- We have rolling admissions
 - Files are reviewed every 2-3 weeks
 - Admit 10-20 from every meeting
 - Applicants on wait list may be admitted at future meetings or through the end July
- Admitted applicants
 - Non-refundable \$500 deposit is due on January 15 along with the acceptance form
 - The deposit is applied to the first semester tuition
 - If admitted after this date – deposit will be due two weeks after notification
- Wait listed applicants
 - Wait list confirmation is due two weeks after notification

Reminders and Contact Information

Reminders

- Check your PTCAS application to make sure items you are sending are being received
- Check your email frequently to see if you have any emails from PTCAS or WUPT
- If you questions or think you should be hearing from PTCAS or WUPT – call or email
 - Technology is awesome, but if there is a glitch your application may be delayed



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