College of Allied Health Professions
PTCAS – Physical Therapy

www.unmc.edu/alliedhealth/pt
Physical Therapy Profession
www.apta.org

Provide Services to Patients
Impairments
Functional limitations
Disabilities

Changes in Physical Function and Health Status resulting from injury, disease or other causes
Physical Therapy Program

Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (DPT)

3 year program (128 credit hours, 8 semesters)

August entry - May graduation (some summers)

34 weeks of full-time clinical education
PT Program Highlights

98% Graduation Rate last 3 years

Final Licensure Exam Rate last 3 years:
  100% Ultimate Licensure Exam Rate

100% Employment Rate last 3 years

Research Opportunities for PT3’s

Mentoring and Advising by faculty and students
Admission Requirements

**Bachelor’s Degree**
- Any major
- Regionally accredited institution
- Completed prior to Orientation in August

**GRE General Test** – Taken by August 15th
- Submit when PTCAS is open for that cycle
- Between July 1st and September 30th
Admission Requirements

Human Anatomy with lab: one course – 4 hours
Human Physiology with lab: one course – 4 hours
   (or two semester combined Anatomy/Physiology series)
Two courses in Biology (labs optional) – 3 hours each

Chemistry: 8 hours – two courses with labs
   General Chemistry I and II
   Or General Chemistry
      and either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry

Physics with labs: 2 courses – 4 hours each
   (mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity)

No online labs for A&P, Chemistry or Physics
Admission Requirements

Psychology: Abnormal or developmental psychology

Social Science: 1 course – 3 hours
One course from any of the following departments/subjects: anthropology, community health, criminal justice, cultural geography, ethnic studies, human sexuality, marriage/family, personal health, psychology (course taken in addition to psychology requirement above), social science, social work, sociology, or women’s studies.

Statistics: 1 course – 3 hours
Requirements

Required Courses Completed by
July 15 of the Year of Intended Enrollment.
Can be in progress during application cycle.
Indicate on PTCAS application

“C-” or above for required courses

No “pass/no pass” grades for required courses

Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0
Repeated course work is averaged into the GPAs
Other Requirements

Essential Functions
Background Check

If applicable:
TOEFL - Minimum score: 95
IELTS - Minimum score: 7
OR 45 semester hours in U.S.

Official transcripts evaluation
- Non-English to English: Course by Course
- Indicate hours of instruction and grades
- Show degrees earned
Preferences

Nebraska Residency

Also Alaska, Hawaii and Wyoming

Writing intensive course: any area

Observation Hours – Broad Exposure

Well rounded applicant
Admissions Process: Communication is Electronic
Admission Process

Apply one year before desired entry

- Usually the summer before college senior year

Application materials to PTCAS by October 1st – recommend by September 1st

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

- Three letters of Recommendation
  - Electronic only
- Official copies of transcripts
  - Use the Transcript Request Form
  - Electronic transcripts not accepted
PTCAS Application Tips

Use the instructions!

Transcripts from all institutions (Dual Credit, etc.)

Add Institutions Attended before individual course work

- Print out Transcript Request Form from here
- Input all course work (withdraw, etc.)
- Include all in-progress and planned course work

References – can have 4, we require 3

Check with reference writers (requests can be blocked)

Check status of materials – real time
PTCAS Application Tips

Observation Hours – Verification not required
  • Select ‘Electronic’ verification or Paper if needed

Work Experience section – all non-PT paid

Check for spelling/grammatical errors

Program Custom Questions

Keep a copy for yourself (not rolling over to 2017)

Submit!
Admission Process

GRE: Institution Code: UNMC Physical Therapy Education Program 7752
Take test by August 15th
Can submit PTCAS application without GRE

Verification: PTCAS verifies complete application (all transcripts and courses entered correctly). Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Up to 4 weeks to verify.
Admission Process

UNMC Supplemental Application
Sent via email between October 1\textsuperscript{st} and November 1\textsuperscript{st}
$70 fee
Final deadline: November 10\textsuperscript{th}

Includes preference for site training: Kearney or Omaha

Evaluation of application materials and selection of applicants for the on-campus interview – invitations usually before Thanksgiving
Interview Invitation Assessment

Overall GPA from PTCAS
Science/Math GPA from PTCAS
Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
Residency
  Nebraska, Alaska, Hawaii, Wyoming
Academic Ability Question
Interview Assessment

From PTCAS Application

Observations/Experience

References

Narrative

Interpersonal Communication Skills

Understanding of PT field

Ability to relate life experiences
Interviews

Approximately 130 applicants on 3 days

December 16, 2016 – Kearney

December 20, 2016, January 6, 2017 – Omaha

Preference on UNMC PT Supplemental Application

54 per day in groups of 9

3 individual interviews for each applicant

Interview Alternates
Selection

Decisions of Admissions Committee based on:

• Assessment of application materials
• Interview

All decisions sent in early February
Selection

Admitted

- $200 tuition deposit required

Admission contingent on successful completion of all requirements