

UNMC Physical Therapy Program Admissions Deferral Policy

The UNMC Physical Therapy Program will consider requests for a 1-year deferral of admission from accepted students with unforeseen or extraordinary extenuating circumstances. Requests for deferral may only be made by applicants who have been offered admission. Applicants on the admission Wait List will not be considered for deferral. All deferral requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Admissions Deferral Process

1. A student who has been accepted into the PT Program yet desires to defer their admission will provide a written request, including the unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, by June 1 of the year of planned entry. Requests received after this date will require additional documentation demonstrating the circumstances presented after June 1. Requests should be addressed to the UNMC Physical Therapy Admissions Core Committee and submitted to the UNMC CAHP Enrollment Management & Student Affairs (EMSA) office at cahpadmissions@unmc.edu.
2. The EMSA office will forward the deferral request to the PT Program Admissions Chair. Students may be asked to provide clarification and/or supportive documentation verifying the reason for the request (ex: letter from a physician or military).
3. The PT Program Admissions Core Committee will review the request and make the approval or denial decision.
4. The decision will be communicated to the student in writing by the PT Admissions Committee Chair. The PT Admissions Committee Chair will also email the decision letter to cahpadmissions@unmc.edu to be kept on file. A member of the EMSA team will email a copy of the decision letter to the student through PTCAS.
5. Students granted a deferral may enter the PT Program without reapplication in the year following the academic year for which they were initially offered admission. Students who defer admission must confirm their intent to matriculate via email to cahpadmissions@unmc.edu by no later than January 1 of the year they will enter the program; otherwise, their seat will be forfeited.

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