Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at Temple University. We are located on the dynamic Health Sciences Campus of Temple University where more students prepare for careers in health care than at any other state related university in the nation.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Temple University offers:

- A nationally ranked, entry-level, 2 and ¾ year Doctor of Physical Therapy degree;
- A new anatomy dissection laboratory and clinical simulation laboratory;
- Dual degree programs including Doctor of Physical Therapy/PhD with a concentration in Motor Control or Biomedical Engineering and Doctor of Physical Therapy/Masters in Urban Bioethics;
- A student-focused curriculum which includes didactic classroom experience, laboratories, clinical internships, case studies, community service opportunities, and research opportunities;
- Nationally and internationally known research and clinical faculty;
- Opportunities for students to partner in research, international and local service opportunities; and,
- Clinical experiences at top-rated hospitals and medical facilities.

All applications for admission into the DPT program for the academic year beginning July, 2015 must be submitted through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). The current admissions cycle begins July, 2014. We encourage you to apply early. Temple uses a rolling admissions process; we review applications as they are received. We begin interviewing in July and our class typically fills by January. Applications received after our class is filled are only considered for the wait list.

Enclosed with this letter are materials that outline the admission process. Please review the entire packet and read the instructions carefully before going to the PTCAS website.

The 3-year full-time DPT Program has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Admission to the program is based on many factors including academic performance, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, knowledge of the profession, professional behavior, a written essay, and letters of reference. The most qualified applicants are invited for an interview.

Applicants must take the GRE and need to be aware that the examination and reporting
procedures effectively changed **April 1, 2011** and once again, **June 15, 2012**. When applicants take the GRE they will no longer submit GRE scores to Temple University but instead will supply ETS (the parent company of the GRE) with the Temple University code number (7581) that allows GRE scores to be sent directly to PTCAS who will then verify the scores and scan them into the application. GRE now permits applicants who have taken the GRE multiple times to choose which past scores you wish to send to which school.

Temple University Doctor of Physical Therapy is very proud to announce two dual-degree programs associated with the DPT degree: a **Master's Degree in Urban Bioethics** and a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** with concentration either in motor control or biomedical engineering. Students apply to the dual degree options at the end of the first year of the DPT curriculum.

We are also proud of our new anatomy dissection laboratory and new clinical simulation laboratory. The anatomy lab is considered one of the most state of the art dissection laboratories in the country featuring windowed rooms, state of the art ventilation systems, and touch screen computer terminals at each table. The clinical simulation laboratory couples high-tech simulation with patient case studies to allow the student PT to practice assessments and interventions in a safe, monitored environment.

Temple University adheres to the philosophy of diversity and equal opportunity for all in its academic programs and activities. Consequently, Temple prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, age and veteran status. Any concerns about the admissions process should be forwarded to Dr. Emily Keshner, Department Chair, at ekeshner@temple.edu and the [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)](https://www.capteonline.org). You can learn more about us, and check for changes and news at [Temple University Department of Physical Therapy](https://www.temple.edu/physicaltherapy/).

You may also email or call Stephen Carp, PT, PhD, GCS at: stephen.carp@temple.edu or (215) 707-8913.

In your packet, you will find electronic copies of the following materials:

- Overview of the Admissions Process
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Description of Required Courses for Admission
- Directions for Submission of [GRE](https://www.ets.org/gre) Scores Directly to PTCAS
- Link to the Temple University Supplemental Application

Below you will find a brief summarization bullet list of materials that you will be required to complete and submit as part of your application, who should receive those materials, and how the materials should be submitted.

- **PTCAS (Electronic Completion)**
  - PTCAS Application and Fee
GRE results through Temple University code (7581)

- **PTCAS (Regular Mail Submission)**
  
  ✓ Copies of Official Transcripts of all Colleges and Universities attended

- **Temple University (Electronic Submission)**
  
  ✓ Temple University Supplemental Application and Fee

To summarize: The PTCAS Application is completed online. Prior to submitting the application you will be assessed a charge which is dependent on how many programs you are applying to. PTCAS will prompt you to mail (regular mail) a copy of your official transcripts their offices. Applicants are also required to electronically complete the Temple University Supplemental Application and Fee. The fee is $60.00. Lastly, GRE results must be forwarded to PTCAS. Each school has a unique reference number. Temple’s is 7581. Questions about the PTCAS process should be directed to: ptcasinfo@ptcas.org

Again, please do not hesitate to call or email me with questions. Thank you for considering Temple University for your professional education. We look forward to processing your application through PTCAS.

Warmest Regards,

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OVERVIEW OF THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The Doctor of Physical Therapy admissions process involves several steps.

- Students should submit all application materials through PTCAS with the exception of the Temple University Supplemental Application Form and Fee.

- Students should be aware that application fees exist for both PTCAS and Temple University. PTCAS fees are submitted electronically at the time of application; however, Temple University also requires a separate $60 application fee submitted electronically.

- Once fully completed, all application materials received by PTCAS may be electronically accessed by Temple University. The Temple University Supplemental Application Form and Fee must be submitted for the application to be considered fully completed.

- Members of the Departmental Admissions Committee then review files of all applications to make a decision as to whether an offer to be interviewed will be extended.

- Members of the Departmental Admissions Committee will read and score essays and references. All required admissions data will be evaluated and well-rounded, well-qualified applicants will be invited for an interview. Please note that interviews are not automatic but by invitation only.

- Interviews will be conducted in a group format, two times monthly beginning in July of each year. The interview affords an opportunity for the applicant to ask questions of the faculty and students, as well as an opportunity for the faculty to get to know the applicant. On interview days, current PT students in the professional program will be available to give tours for the interviewees and to answer questions from a student’s perspective. Scores from interviews are then added to the composite information to obtain a final rank of all candidates. The process is usually completed within three weeks following the interview.
The most highly qualified individuals are then recommended to the Dean of the College of Heath Professions and Social Work for acceptance into the program or for placement on the wait list. This recommendation by the Department will be shared with the applicant. The Dean will then formally accept the applicant into the program, invite him or her to join the waiting list, or notify the individual of rejection.

To hold a place in the class, individuals accepted into the program must submit a $500 non-refundable deposit (credited to the tuition) within two weeks of receipt of the letter from the Dean. Failure to communicate your intentions in a timely manner regarding accepting a position in the class may result in forfeiting your place to another qualified applicant. The deposit will be utilized to offset first-semester tuition.

Coursework in the DPT Program begins each year during the summer II session of the Temple University academic calendar that begins approximately the first week of July. Students will take 8 credits during this initial summer II session and will then take a total of 16 credits during the subsequent fall semester.

In order to be eligible for any type of federal financial aid during your summer II enrollment that begins in July, you MUST complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by June 30 of the year coursework begins.

You can do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please see the Temple University Department of Physical Therapy website for the most up-to-date information.

The Department of Physical Therapy offers the DPT as the degree for first preparation as a physical therapist. Below are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about our program.

What are some of the criteria I should use to determine if a particular DPT program is right for me?

• Undergraduate programs are chosen based upon location, reputation, cost, friendships and so forth. Graduate programs are chosen primarily based upon two criteria: the curriculum and the faculty. All DPT programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education but are free to concentrate and order content in a way that fits the individual program’s mission. Examine the curricula of programs you are considering and match this against your long-term clinical goals. Also, visit the faculty websites. Carefully read each faculty member’s clinical, research, teaching and volunteer interests. Identify potential mentors and role models. Visit schools and talk with the faculty. You will be investing much time and resources over the next three years; you want to make the correct choice.

• Other criteria to evaluate include the number and scheduling of clinical internships, the number of adjuvant learning experiences (clinical laboratories, anatomy laboratory, and clinical simulation laboratory) available to the student therapist, a clinical and research faculty model, residencies, the number of faculty who are board certified clinical specialists, the availability of elective classes, recidivism (program failure rate) and board passing rates.

Are there open houses for potential applicants?

• Temple DPT prefers meeting with potential applicants one on one rather than in a group setting. A one on one meeting allows for confidential transcript and GRE review. Please email Stephen Carp, PT, PhD, GCS at stephen.carp@temple.edu or call at 215.707.8913 for an appointment.

What are some of the features of the Temple DPT Program?

• The DPT Program is located within the Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Professions and Social Work (CHPSW) at Temple University on the Health Sciences Campus (HSC). The HSC of Temple University is the largest freestanding campus dedicated to the education of health professional within the United States. In addition to the CHP, the HSC also includes the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and
Pharmacy, and, two hospitals: Temple University Hospital, and Shriner’s Hospital for Children.

- In September of 2010 the new state of the art Temple University Anatomy Laboratory and Clinical Simulation Laboratory opened.

- Temple’s full-time faculty consists of clinical and research tract professors. A faculty practice is located on campus.

- The entire program two years and 10 months in duration. Classes are year round. The didactic portion of the curriculum is approximately 92 weeks. The clinical education (internship) portion is 42 weeks divided into one six-week internship after the first year, one twelve-week internship after the second year, and two twelve-week internships after the third year.

- Students can expect to receive a strong background in the foundational sciences (anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, psychology, neuroscience, movement analysis) with increased emphasis on the human movement system to increase the knowledge required by the physical therapists as the primary provider of health care intervention for movement dysfunction.

- Students can expect to become critical consumers of scientific and clinical literature in support of evidence-based physical therapy examination, diagnosis, and intervention with emphasis on clinical decision-making.

- Students will have an opportunity to select from courses in advanced topics in specialized practice areas.

- Students can expect to receive training that emphasizes the new and expanding roles for physical therapists in diagnostics, radiology, pharmacology, cultural competence, health policy, health promotion and wellness, administration and management, health care financing, consultation in health care and, client education on individual, community, and public levels.

**How long is the Program?**

Temple’s program is 2 year 10 months in duration. The 130 credit curriculum includes 42 weeks of full-time clinical internship.

**May I apply to more than one DPT Program?**

Absolutely. We strongly recommend applicants visit and apply to more than one program. That being stated, Temple University has decided to participate in the PTCAS Early Decision Program beginning in July, 2013. Briefly, students may apply for “early decision” to one school. The applicant may not apply to any other DPT programs during the early decision period. The applicant must have the competed application to PTCAS by late August (please refer to the PTCAS website for the exact date). A decision must be rendered to the applicant by late September. If the student is accepted, the student is not allowed to apply or commit to another PTCAS DPT program. If the student is not accepted the student is free to apply to any PTCAS DPT program.
How can I maximize my chances of being accepted to Temple’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program?

The entry-level DPT program involves a competitive selection process that leads to a rigorous curriculum and hopefully a very rewarding career. If you believe that becoming a physical therapist is the right career decision for you, you should consider choosing a strong undergraduate program that prepares you for physical therapy admission. We do accept applicants with any undergraduate major as long as all the pre-requisite courses (see below) have been successfully completed. You can find out more about other CAPTE Accredited Physical Therapy Programs across the country via a centralized website or contact the American Physical Therapy Association at (800) 999-APTA.

For Temple undergraduate students, the following majors currently offer curricula that most efficiently prepare the student for entry into the DPT program: Exercise Science (College of Health Professions), Kinesiology (College of Health Professions), Therapeutic Recreation (College of Health Professions) Health Education / Public Health / Communication (Public Health), Biology (College of Science & Technology), Anthropology (College of Liberal Arts), and Psychology (College of Liberal Arts). Undergraduate majors interested in Physical Therapy at Temple are not limited to these programs as long as pre-requisites have been completed prior to entry to the DPT program. However, it is important to keep in mind that we have had many successful graduates with undergraduate majors in dance, accounting, theater, Spanish, history, education, chemistry, and physics.

Does Temple have an accelerated option for admission?

Yes. Freshman entering Temple must choose one of the following undergraduate majors: biology, kinesiology, computer science, informational sciences and technology, mathematics, physics, natural science, physics or kinesiology. At admission the student must declare to his/her advisor an interest in the accelerated option (3+3). If the student maintains a cumulative GPA of >3.5 and a GPA in his/her major of >3.4 the student may apply to the DPT for admission after the junior year of undergraduate study, eliminating the need senior year of undergraduate school. This program is only open to Temple freshmen.

What are the prerequisites for the DPT program?

Successful applicants to the program must have a bachelor's degree (unless applying through the Temple University Accelerated 3+3 Admissions Option), a strong cumulative GPA, strong GRE scores, good personal references, and knowledge of physical therapy profession. Volunteer/observational work in the field is not required, however it is recommended if the applicant has not otherwise had exposure to the profession. Applicants will be asked to write an essay on their perspective of physical therapy, complete a group interview, and will be expected to successfully complete the following prerequisite coursework (described in greater detail below). Of note, beginning for applicants applying in 2013 to the DPT program at Temple University non-science pre-requisites (statistics, behavioral science, and psychology) may be completed “on line” and the lecture portion of the science pre-requisites (chemistry, anatomy, physiology, biology, physics) may be taken “on line” but the laboratory component must be taken in a traditional laboratory setting.
• A 3-credit Psychology course with emphasis on individual behavior (i.e., general, abnormal, developmental, etc.)*

• A 3-credit Behavioral Science course with emphasis on group behavior (i.e., sociology, cultural anthropology, etc.). *

• A 3-credit Statistics course *

• Two Chemistry courses with lab (any combination of general chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and organic chemistry)

• Two Physics courses with lab. The physics classes need not be calculus-based.

• A 4-credit Biology course with lab.

• A 4-credit Human or Mammalian Anatomy with lab.

• A 4-credit Human or Mammalian Physiology with lab.

*Please Note:  Temple University students applying to the Temple University DPT Program who have completed their General Education requirements by the end of the undergraduate junior year can substitute General Education requirements for the psychology, behavioral science, and statistics prerequisite courses provided the student has taken the Quantitative Literacy course in lieu of statistics.  A formal interview is required.

**What are Temple University’s DPT requirements for the pre-requisite courses?**

• The pre-requisites may be taken at a 4 year university/college or a 2 year college;

• Grades in pre-requisites must be a “C” or better (not “C-“);

• Advance placement (AP) courses taken in high school if accepted by the undergraduate university will be accepted for the non-science pre-requisites only. For consideration as a pre-requisite the AP courses must be listed on the undergraduate transcript; and

• Pre-requisites have an expiration date of 10 years from the date taken to the application date.

**What are the estimated costs of the DPT Program?**

Temple University tuition rates for the 2014-2015 academic year will give you a projected cost of the full-time DPT curriculum.

*Please Note:  The full-time program in physical therapy is charged on a flat rate yearly basis that will also be accompanied by some additional costs that include:

• **Fees** – A $25 General Activity Fee, a $60 Health Fee, and a $100 Computer Technology Fee are assessed by the University each semester. The University may assess other fees.
• **Books** – Books are an essential part of the physical therapist's education and form the basis of an individual's professional library that will accompany the therapist throughout his or her career. One should anticipate that book purchases may total up to $1500 per year.

• **Housing** – Housing costs are variable, depending on the type of housing chosen by the student. The Philadelphia area has an abundant selection of rental properties, with urban and suburban options, within many price ranges. Contact with current graduate students can help in the selection process. On-campus housing is available from Temple University on its Main Campus. Contact:

  The Office University Housing  
  315 Student Activities Center  
  13th St & Montgomery Ave  
  Temple University  
  Philadelphia, PA 19122  
  (215) 204-7224

• **Financial Aid** – Information and financial aid forms are available from the:

  Student Financial Services  
  Faculty Student Union  
  Broad and Ontario Streets  
  Temple University  
  Philadelphia PA 19140  
  (215) 707-2667

• Financial aid is available in the form of student loans and work-study positions for eligible students. Information on "tuition support in return for employment" opportunities will be made available to enrolled students in the second and third year of the program.

**What is the Academic Program?**

The [DPT academic program](#) is divided into three years with an effort made to maintain a curricular intensity close to a 1 credit average per week for every semester.

**How often and how long are any breaks within the DPT Program?**

The DPT curriculum is designed to provide numerous opportunities for students to get some time away from the classroom and the clinic. Student can expect to encounter at least 9 breaks of at least 9 days or more throughout the curriculum with 5 of the 9 breaks consisting of at least 3 – 4 continuous weeks.

**Describe the clinical education courses?**

There are four clinical education courses known as Clinical Internships. The clinical education (internship) portion is 42 weeks divided into one six-week internship after the first year, one twelve-week internship after the second year, and two twelve-week internships after the third year.
The clinical internships place the student at clinical sites affiliated with Temple University. The majority of the sites for clinical education are on the East Coast, concentrated in the Delaware Valley, where students receive the opportunity to practice skills learned during the didactic portion of the curriculum under the guidance of a qualified clinical instructor. There are currently clinical sites in 36 states.

The co-Directors of Clinical Education meet with each student yearly to target potential sites for internship based upon student clinical interests, student geographical interests, and site availability. Particular site placement cannot be guaranteed.

*Please Note: Students are responsible for all costs associated with clinical education, including travel, housing, meals, and other living expenses. These costs might be up to $1500 per full time internship.

**What sets Temple apart from other Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs?**

Temple is considered one of the most “wired” universities in the nation. Temple DPT utilizes technological advances to enhance the student’s learning experience.

Anatomy is taught in our new Medical School classroom in a classic didactic style augmented by actual cadaver dissection and informative virtual reality tools. The ratio of students to cadaver is 3.5:1.

All classrooms are smart classrooms. Temple utilizes Blackboard as an online educational management tool. Blackboard allows easy online access of syllabi, course lectures, course documents, grades, paper submission, reserved articles, and free access to research publications and journals.

Unlike most DPT programs Temple has a large research component. Most faculty conduct a research agenda and students are invited to participate as assistants, observers, subjects and analysts.

The Clinical Simulation Laboratory allows for the use of hard wired mannequins by the students for the practice of physiological monitoring.

Temple has two dual degree options associated with the DPT program: a Master’s Degree in Urban Bioethics and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with concentration either in motor control or biomedical engineering. Applicants interested in the Master’s Degree in Urban Bioethics should contact Dr. Nora Jones at tue41105@temple.edu. Applicants interested in the PhD or DPT/PhD programs are encouraged to contact Dr. Carole Tucker at carole.tucker@temple.edu. Students apply to the dual degree options at the end of the first year of the DPT curriculum.

Beginning in September of 2009, Temple University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program began accepting students into the Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program. Residency programs in Physical Therapy follow the medical model of post-graduate specialist education.
**Are research opportunities available at Temple?**

Yes. A large number of faculty members have research agendas sponsored by federal government or foundation grants. Research areas include: virtual reality rehabilitation, balance, musculoskeletal overuse disease, inflammatory biomarkers, movement disorders, stroke rehabilitation, pediatric cerebral palsy, admissions, the effectiveness of non-government support of the poor, and pediatric spinal cord injury. Students may volunteer in these laboratories or may apply for work study grants.

**Are there available locations on campus for the students to meet and work together on weekends?**

Yes, the Medical Library and Jones Hall are open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Will I have the opportunity to observe and work with “real” patients while on campus?**

Yes, the Physical Therapy Faculty Practice evaluates and treats patients on campus. Students will have the opportunity to observe and practice interventions as part of the curriculum.

**Are there special procedures for international students?**

Temple strongly welcomes international applicants. International applicants (Canadian applicants are not considered international applicants) must meet the same bachelor’s degree/GRE/pre-requisite requirements of US applicants. In addition, international applicants must have their international transcripts reviewed by a licensed evaluative agency (such as WES [http://www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) and submit them to PTCAS and . In addition, international applicants who received their bachelor’s degree from any country other than the countries of Great Britain, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand must submit TOEFL scores directly to PTCAS. International applicants who received their bachelor’s degree from a US institution do not need to have their transcript evaluated prior to submission to PTCAS and are not required to submit the TOEFL.

International applicants are encouraged to also send the review of the international transcript directly to Temple admissions (Stephen Carp, PT, PhD, GCS; [stephen.carp@temple.edu](mailto:stephen.carp@temple.edu)) to ensure that all pre-requisite courses have been successfully completed.
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED COURSES FOR ADMISSION TO THE DPT PROGRAM**

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<td>A behavioral science course that examines specific area or group behavior theory and practice. Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Race and Racism, Sexuality and Gender, Sociology of Health Care, Marriage and Family, Social Psychology, Cultural Anthropology, and Comparative Religions are examples of courses that may be taken to satisfy this requirement. Physical Anthropology and technically oriented Archeology courses are not acceptable. If it is unclear whether or not a course meets this requirement, please send us a course description for verification.</td>
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<td>Statistics</td>
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<td>Probability; estimation; classical statistical inference (through t-test); modern decision theory.</td>
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<td>Chemistry with lab</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Two course sequence that covers matter, the changes that matter undergoes, and the laws governing these changes, with greater emphasis on atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, equilibrium and energy relationships. One course should be Chemistry I, the second course may be Chemistry II or an upper level chemistry course with lab.</td>
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<td>Physics with lab</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Two course sequence that covers fundamentals of physics, classical and modern, including mechanics, heat, light, electricity, magnetism, and modern physics.</td>
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<td>Biology with lab</td>
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<td>One course offered by a Biology Department (or its equivalent) that includes a laboratory portion.</td>
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<td>Human or Mammalian Anatomy with lab</td>
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<td>Study of the anatomical structure of the human mammalian body, with laboratory. One semester of combined ‘Anatomy &amp; Physiology’ with lab also will be accepted. Invertebrate A&amp;P is not acceptable.</td>
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<td>Human or Mammalian Physiology with lab</td>
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<td>Study of the physiological function of the human mammalian body. One semester of combined ‘Anatomy &amp; Physiology’ with lab also will be accepted. Invertebrate A&amp;P is not acceptable.</td>
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A grade of C or better must be obtained for all prerequisite courses.
*Please Note:* If you have not taken a specific course(s) listed above, but you believe you have taken the equivalent of the course(s) please provide us with the appropriate course descriptions so that we can make a determination of equivalency.

Contact Admissions at 215-707-8913 or stephen.carp@temple.edu if you have any questions.
ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION

- All applicants are required to provide scores from the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). All applicants are required to take the GREs. For more information please write to:

  Graduate Record Examinations  
  Education Testing Service  
  P.O. Box 6000  
  Princeton, NJ 08541-6000

  Website: [http://www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

  When reporting scores please use the following codes:

  Temple University Health Sciences Center  
  Institutional Code: 7581

  Please note: Effective April, 2011 the GRE scores are part of the PTCAS application; scores will no longer be sent directly to Temple. Applicant GRE’s will be forwarded directly to PTCAS and scanned into the application. GRE’s taken prior to April or submitted with the older code will be forwarded to Temple.

- Along with the PTCAS application and the GRE’s, Temple University also requires every applicant to complete the [Supplemental Application Form](#). The Supplemental Application and fee should be completed at or prior to the time of the completion of the PTCAS application. Once the University receives the PTCAS application, the supplemental application is attached and the packet is sent to the Admission’s Committee for review.
Temple University
Department of Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Statement of Essential Functions

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Temple University is dedicated to providing education and professional development for students as they become competent physical therapists. Graduates are expected to function as autonomous practitioners and to provide a full range of physical therapy services. Individuals who complete the program are eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination and enter into the profession of physical therapy. Therefore, all students admitted to the program MUST be able to demonstrate the following essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations**.

Professionalism
Students must demonstrate the ability to act professionally in any environment, including stressful environments or during impending deadlines. Acting professionally includes, but is not limited to, practicing safely, ethically and legally, demonstrating responsibility for lifelong professional growth and development, advocating for the health and health care needs of patients/clients, coping in difficult situations, appropriate hygiene, and appropriate affective behaviors.

Cognition
Students must demonstrate the cognitive abilities to appropriately communicate their understanding of their academic knowledge and preparation, identify cause-effect relationships in the clinic, develop and progress patient goals/plans, respond appropriately to emergency situations, apply universal precautions, and apply teaching and learning theories in health care.

Judgment
Students must demonstrate sound judgment with an understanding of the rationale and justification, by listening and responding with appropriate verbal and nonverbal responses, in classroom, laboratory and clinical settings.

Communication
Students must demonstrate the clear, effective and efficient ability to understand and utilize the written and oral English language as well as listening and responding appropriately to verbal and nonverbal forms of communication.

Mobility
Students must demonstrate the physical ability to sufficiently and safely move between and within clinical environments and maneuver under conditions of environmental constraints.
**Sensorimotor**
Students must demonstrate adequate sensorimotor skills to provide safe and effective physical therapy examinations (e.g. palpation, auscultation, etc.), physical therapy interventions (e.g. range of motion activities, patient/client guarding, assisting with ambulation and transfers, etc.) and emergency treatment to patients (e.g. monitor alarms, monitor vital signs, perform CPR, etc.) efficiently and reliably.

** Anyone requiring accommodations must contact Disability Resources and Services at: (215) 204-1280 in 100 Ritter Annex (Main Campus).
The PTCAS begins accepting applications in July of each year. To facilitate the application process, below is a recommended timeline of Temple University applicant activities:

**May:**

- Identify 5-7 DPT programs you wish to apply to. The typical applicant applies to 6 schools. Information about the requirements of each program may be found at PTCAS or at their individual websites. Please be aware that pre-requisite course requirements vary from program to program.

- Register for the Graduate Record Examination and direct our scores to Temple University/PTCAS Institutional Code 7581

**June:**

- Identify two references: a professor who instructed you and a physical therapist with whom you have worked or volunteered.

- Request two (2) official copies of your transcripts from all the undergraduate institutions you have attended. Have these mailed to your home.

- Take the Graduate Record Examination

**July:**

- Log onto PTCAS and begin the application process. You will need to open one copy of each university transcript to enter your course information and grades into the application. The unopened transcripts will be mailed to PTCAS (the address is on the application) to verify the validity of your application. Since Temple University has rolling admissions for the DPT program, submit your application as soon as possible. Do not forget to print and mail the Temple University Supplemental Application and fee directly to Temple University. There is also a link on the PTCAS application.

- Inform your reference persons that they will receive a request from PTCAS to submit their references on line. PTCAS will email them a reference form.

- Interviews begin.
**September:**

- If you have not yet completed your Bachelor’s degree, continue to work hard and maintain good grades. These grades will eventually become part of the application. PTCAS will cue applicants via email when to submit these grades electronically (as an application addendum).

- Once your application to PTCAS is complete, it will be electronically sent to Temple University. The Admissions Department will mate the PTCAS application and the supplemental application and fee. You will receive an email with a TUID number that will allow you to follow the process of your application online.

**October:**

- As we continue to accept applications, we will continue to interview the outstanding applicants. Interviewed applicants will be informed of the admission decision by mail within four weeks of the interview date. This process will continue until our class is completed (55 students). Typically, this occurs in January but varies year to year. Applications received after our class is “full” will only be considered for the wait list.

- Please email Stephen Carp (stephen.carp@temple.edu) if you have submitted all your application materials and have not heard from us.

**April:**

- End date for notification of applicants by email of a decision.

**July:**

- Classes begin.

- New application season begins.