Informational Brochure for International Students Considering Application to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Temple University.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Temple University takes great pleasure in welcoming international students to apply to our Program. One of the core missions of Temple University is diversity; international students bring a wealth of varied cultural, religious, ethnic, and academic experiences to our University and Program. Approximately 15% of applicants to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program received all or part of their undergraduate education at universities outside the United States.

Once admitted, the Temple University Office of International Students and Scholars (http://www.temple.edu/isss/) assists the international student with assimilation into the Temple University family, with Visa and passport questions, housing, financial aid, work-study and employment concerns, and remediative learning opportunities.

International students from Canada may apply directly to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application System (www.ptcas.org).

All other international students must comply with the following procedure:

1. All international students interested in applying to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (and this includes students educated in the UK, Australia, and New Zealand) at Temple University must first submit the international transcript to the World Education Services (WES) (www.wes.org) for transcript evaluation. The WES evaluation verifies the accuracy of the transcript, translates it into English (if necessary), and provides comparative relationships between the international degrees and coursework and the United States’ counterparts.

2. The applicant then submits the WES evaluation electronically to the DPTadmissions@temple.edu. We will review the WES document to confirm that the required bachelor’s degree has been completed and that the Temple University Doctor of Physical Therapy pre-requisite courses have been completed. If the WES evaluation sufficiently documents the bachelor’s degree and the pre-requisites have been satisfactorily completed, we will notify the applicant that he/she may then apply to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program through PTCAS (www.ptcas.org). If there is insufficient documentation of completion of the bachelor’s degree and/or the pre-requisite courses the applicant will be notified of the outstanding items by the Physical Therapy Department. International students who have completed the bachelor’s degree at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada may skip the WES evaluation step and apply directly through PTCAS.
3. All applicants (United States, Canadian, and international applicants) are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (www.ets.org) and have the scores submitted to Temple University (institution code 7581). We recommend the GRE scores be submitted to Temple at the same time as the PTCAS application is submitted to PTCAS.

4. All international students save for those who have or will be receiving bachelor’s degrees from institutions in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Australia, and New Zealand must also submit the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to PTCAS. When completing the PTCAS application, the international applicant will be cued to submit the TOEFL results. In addition to the TOEFL, the international applicant will be cued to submit an official copy of the WES evaluation with the PTCAS application even though the WES evaluation was submitted to Temple University prior to the completion of the PTCAS application. The submission of the TOEFL and the resubmission of the WES evaluation are requirement of PTCAS and beyond the control of Temple University.

5. All international students are required to have completed the 10 Doctor of Physical Therapy pre-requisites prior to application. The pre-requisite course listings may be found in our Admissions Manual (http://chpsw.temple.edu/sites/default/files/imce_uploads/pt/DPT%20Application%20Packet%20May%202012.pdf)