MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Physical Therapy

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college within past 10 years.
2. Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.
3. Science GPA of 3.0 or greater.
4. Graduate Record Examination: ≥ 870 computer format. New GRE format scores are currently being converted to the old format utilizing the official concordance table provided by ETS.
5. Documented personal experience in a physical therapy setting (volunteer or paid). Minimum 35 hours. Certification of Hours (pdf).
6. Statement of Purpose
7. Three (3) letters of recommendation, one (1) of which must be submitted by a licensed physical therapist.
8. Required prerequisites coursework:
   • General
     o Psychology
     o Statistics
     o Pharmacology*
   • Science (comprise science GPA)
     o Anatomy and Physiology with labs, 2 semesters
     o Chemistry with labs, 2 semesters
     o Physics with labs, 2 semesters
     o Exercise Physiology*
     o Kinesiology*

* Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology are typically offered at the UMass Lowell during the summer intersession.
** Pharmacology is not a prerequisite per se, rather a course/curriculum requirement which must be completed prior to the start of the second (spring) semester of the DPT curriculum.

Important Notes:
• The Completed Application Deadline is November 1 for admission into the subsequent (fall) class.
• Any/all applications deemed incomplete at the application deadline will be ineligible for a full department review.
• No more than 2 (two) pre-requisite courses may be missing at the time of application to remain eligible for full consideration.
• Meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.
• Students may be asked to provide documentation of equivalent course content being proposed to meet admission criteria.
• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): http://www.ets.org/toefl
  o All international applicants are required to submit test results.
  o A minimum TOEFL score of 79 is required.
• Center for Educational Documentation (CED): www.cedevaluations.com
  o All Foreign (non–United States) transcripts must be evaluated by the Center for Educational Documentation.
• The faculty supports the position to recruit and retain students who by reasons of ethnic, cultural, or socioeconomic background are more likely to serve areas of critical need.

For additional, program specific, information regarding our admission requirements, please contact:

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