



Program Information

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General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information

California State University, Fresno has a well-established and respected Doctoral program in physical therapy. The Physical Therapy faculty members are an outstanding group of educators devoted to their student learning and the profession of Physical Therapy. Collectively, they are a professionally and personally diverse group with expertise in geriatrics, pediatrics, neurophysiology and neuro-rehab, clinical orthopedics, manual therapy, anatomy, exercise science, biomechanics, motor learning, and motor control, electrophysiology, and women's health. The faculty members have vast clinical expertise in all major areas of practice. The majority of faculty conducts research on an on-going basis and routinely present and publish work in collaboration with our students.

Students attending Fresno State will have an opportunity to work with faculty members in diverse research and clinical environments, including fall reduction in the older adult, balance and gait, stroke and spinal cord rehabilitation, use of technology in neuro-rehab, shoulder injuries and intervention for high school swimmers, electrical stimulation, osteoporosis, pre and post-concussion testing and intervention, biomechanics research in obese children, infant movement analysis, effects of language barriers on outcome measures in physical therapy, and gait training in Parkinson's disease.

Department classrooms and laboratories include state-of-the-art equipment to support both teaching and research, including three research laboratories: the Gait Analysis Movement Evaluation (GAME) laboratory; Pediatric Motor Control Research laboratory; and the Neuroscience Research laboratory as an extension of our Gait, Balance, and Mobility Research and Education Center (GBMC). The GBMC is one of two on-campus clinics that provide a unique opportunity for our graduate PT students to integrate classroom learning into patient care very early on in the curriculum. The GAME lab is currently equipped to do biomechanical research with technology that includes 3-D movement analysis, force production and measurement of muscle activity. Students and faculty can measure gait and movement using our Zeno Walkway by Protokinetics or the use of accelerometers. The lab is also equipped with an instrumented treadmill system, as well as equipment for cardiopulmonary and exercise physiology testing. The Neuroscience Research lab is equipped with state-of-the-art dynamic posturography systems including both the Balance Master by NeuroCom International, Inc and the new Bertec Balance Advantage System. In addition to testing, the Bertec system also offers a unique intervention for people with balance impairments using virtual reality. Students also have the opportunity to treat using functional electrical stimulation as a restorative therapy for people with loss of mobility. And, most recently we received the Galileo, a whole body vibration training device for use in our GBMC and for research.

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The GBMC also has both adult and pediatric treadmill systems with overhead harnesses as well as the Bertec static forceplate systems for balance testing and training. The GBMC is a unique learning environment where students are exposed to cutting-edge treatment techniques and research, as well as an opportunity to treat clients with complex neurological conditions.

Faculty also have access to our college's high-fidelity patient simulation laboratory where students are exposed to computerized manikins that simulate real-life scenarios for teaching. Another unique feature at Fresno State is the opportunity to work in an interprofessional team with Nursing, Kinesiology, and Pharmacy students during a community-based fall prevention program. Other service learning opportunities such as participating in adaptive sports, attending our Amputee Clinic or developing wellness programs in the community are available throughout the curriculum.

In addition to our GBMC on-site clinic, we have the Musculoskeletal Care Clinic where students begin as early as the first year to receive hands-on opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom in an orthopedic and sports medicine patient population. The program also has a human cadaver laboratory with an overhead dissecting camera system. In Fall 2015 the Department made its new home in a state-of-the-art new building, which expanded facilities to include two additional large teaching laboratories, as well as new faculty /staff offices, and student/faculty conference spaces with lockers.

The faculty are dedicated educators and highly accessible. In addition to the ten full-time physical therapist faculty members, many other professionals contribute to the Program including physicians, physical therapists, and other health care professionals. The curriculum is contemporary and innovative. Students learn in small class sizes in well-equipped classroom facilities. We are very fortunate to have a community that is supportive of this program achieving its mission with our students.

The aim of the DPT program at Fresno State is to create a preeminent center of learning and discovery in physical therapy at the clinical doctoral level to prepare physical therapists to meet new health care demands. To achieve this, the curriculum is designed over 3 years including summers. Students enter the program as a cohort with courses offered once a year. The program requires a total of 110 units with students maintaining a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA throughout the program. Students accepted in the DPT are required to complete a Medical Terminology course the summer prior. The DPT program requires passing all coursework, a qualifying exam at the end of the second year, satisfactory completion of 30 weeks of full-time clinical externships, and successful completion of a culminating DPT project with an oral presentation during their third year in lieu of the dissertation. Students are eligible to take the national licensing examination only after the successful completion of the DPT program. Throughout the curriculum, there is a strong emphasis on an evidence-based clinical approach to patient care. Students will learn to be consumers of literature and know how to critique research evidence as it applies to patient care. Learning activities will center on active student involvement through clinical coursework, case studies, clinical investigations, literature critiques, and patient interaction and care.

Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?

No

Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?

No

Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?

Yes

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Additional information about interviews	If you have (1) fulfilled the minimum admission requirements and (2) you graduated high school from one of the following counties; Fresno, Tulare, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Kern, Tuolumne, Mariposa, or Kings, (or if you graduated from Fresno State) you will be invited for an interview. If you are not from one of the counties listed, you are still eligible for an interview. Meeting the foregoing criteria does not guarantee an applicant an interview.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$100
Additional Information about Deposit	Additionally, there is a non-refundable \$100 fee for professional materials such as your name tag and class polo shirt.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	02/02/2022
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$73892
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$114812
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	34
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	34
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	91%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	9%
% Male	25%
% Female	75%
% Hispanic	7%
% Asian	41%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	31%
% Two or More Races	15%
% Declining to State	6%
Additional information about the class profile	If you have (1) fulfilled the minimum admission requirements and (2) you graduated high school from one of the following counties; Fresno, Tulare, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Kern, Tuolumne, Mariposa, or Kings, you will be invited for an interview.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental fee amount	\$75
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	Cal State Apply Graduate Online Application [Complete by January 15, 2022]: https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	All Transcripts Sent to Fresno State Graduate Admissions (in addition to PTCAS)- Through Cal State Apply
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	Official GRE Scores Sent to Fresno State Graduate Admissions (in addition to PTCAS)- Through Cal State Apply
Document upload requirements	If you have one of more prerequisite courses taken out of state (Non-CA), see the document upload instructions on our application. We require a summary of your course descriptions of courses taken out of California.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	01/15/2022
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/app-requirements.html
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7798
University GRE code	4312
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/15/2021
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	09/15/2016
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Applicants must take the GRE General Test. Applicants must arrange for ETS to send official GRE scores to 7798 (PTCAS code for Fresno State PT program) by the application deadline of 10/01/2021. *For the Cal State Apply Application, you will need to submit an additional set of official GRE scores directly to Fresno State Graduate Admissions (GRE Code 4312), with a deadline of 1/15/2022. However, this is not necessary until you are offered an interview. There is currently no minimum GRE score required to apply.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.5
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Academic	Evaluator type not accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type not accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type not accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type not accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted

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Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Arrange for three (3) letters of recommendation (LORs) to be sent to PTCAS on your behalf; (2) two must be from licensed physical therapists and (1) one must be from a non-physical therapy professor who taught you in a course. Fresno State Physical Therapy Department faculty reference letters are NOT accepted.
Information about your PT requirements	Provide evidence of knowledge of physical therapy through employment, volunteer work, or observation in a physical therapy department for a minimum of 100 hours. A minimum of 20 hours must be in a general inpatient setting (*See COVID-19 Updates on our Website, link below); 80 hours may be in another area of practice such as outpatient, home health, or additional inpatient. All observation hours must be under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and are required to be verified through PTCAS. Verification of all hours must be completed by the application deadline of 10/1/2020. Hours completed after the application deadline will not be considered. All hours must be reported separately by each verifying physical therapist and not in a combined form. If you are using the paper option, the PTCAS form for observation hours is required. A log of volunteer hours is not accepted. Applicants are encouraged to have their PT observation hours verified electronically through PTCAS at the time they apply, rather than use a paper form. Non-PTCAS forms and logs of hours are not accepted. Link to PTCAS Observation Hours Paper Form: Download from Fresno State Website. http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/app-requirements.html *Link to COVID-19 Observation Hour Notes http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/covid-19.html
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	100
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	500
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	09/30/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Required
Outpatient	Required
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.60
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.70
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	A minimum 3.0 GPA for on all undergraduate coursework is required. The undergraduate cumulative GPA is calculated by PTCAS (not the institution where you received your bachelor's degree) and includes failed and repeated courses, even if they are later repeated for a higher grade or excluded from the GPA on the transcript. See PTCAS for more information on how the undergraduate cumulative GPA is calculated. http://www.ptcas.org/GPA/ Applicants must receive a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course and maintain a total prerequisite GPA of 3.0, both at the time of application and after Fall 2021 grades are submitted. AP credit, CR/NC grades, international, or independent study courses cannot be used for prerequisite requirements. All prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade. No course may be repeated more than one (1) time and no more than three (3) prerequisite courses may be repeated. All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the Fall 2021 semester. Prerequisites planned for Spring 2022 are not accepted. Coursework older than 7 years is not accepted. If you need to retake a course because it is over 7 years old, it does not count as a repeated course. For the current application cycle for admission for Fall 2022, courses taken in 2014 are accepted, while courses taken in 2013 are NOT accepted.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended)
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)
Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?	Yes
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Canadian citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa

Admission Requirements

Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	International students cannot be admitted to the DPT program prior to coming to the United States for several reasons: (1) the application for the DPT program requires completion of 9 prerequisite courses [with a C or above] to be taken at a U.S. institution, (2) the required 100 contact hours with a licensed physical therapist must be in the United States including 20 in-patient hours, and (3) the applicant must be available in the spring semester prior to fall semester admission for an interview.
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Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	Bachelor's degree is required to be completed by the end of the Spring semester prior to applying. Summer in-progress courses required for degree completion are not accepted.
General Information	In-progress and planned Winter or Spring prerequisite courses will not be allowed. Additionally, applicants can only have 2 prerequisite courses in progress during the fall term in which they are applying. All 9 prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall term in which the PTCAS application is submitted (December 2021). Applicants with prerequisite courses planned for Spring 2022 will have an incomplete application and not be considered for admission. All prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade. AP credit, CR/NC grades, or independent study courses cannot be used for prerequisite requirements. No course may be repeated more than one (1) time and only 3 repeated courses can be used to calculate the prerequisite GPA. Coursework older than 7 years is not accepted and is required to be retaken, but does not count as a repeated course. Out of State Prerequisite Course Equivalency (Optional): If you have one or more prerequisite courses taken out of state (non-CA), see the document upload directions for CSU-Fresno on the "Program Materials" section of the 2021-2022 PTCAS application.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	http://fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/app-requirements.html

Anatomy

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted	
Human Anatomy lecture and lab. Lab must be in-person. *A&P I & A&P II accepted if part of a year-long sequence*. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology / Biological Science

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

Biology (Life Science) with lab Thematic introduction to the unifying concepts of life science: chemical basis of life; cellular processes; energy metabolism; genetics; evolution. Continuation of thematic introduction to the unifying concepts of life science: classification and diversity of life; survey of the living organisms; physiology; ecology and environmental biology. How living things work and why they work that way. Biology from chemical and physical foundations to ecological and evolutionary processes. Biology and its relationship to human affairs (1 semester or 1/2 quarters, 5/6 quarter units)

Course Level	Introductory
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular
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Chemistry I

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

A year sequence of college level chemistry with labs (2 semesters or 3 quarters) is required. Introductory chemistry courses are not accepted. Lab must be in-person. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Chemistry II

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

A year sequence of college level chemistry with labs (2 semesters or 3 quarters) is required. Introductory chemistry courses are not accepted. Lab must be in-person. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Physics I

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

A year sequence of college physics with labs including mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity. Overall Physics requirement: (2 Semesters or 3 quarters). Lab must be in-person. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Required
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Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I• Physics: General
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Physics II

A year sequence of college physics with labs including mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity. Overall Physics requirement: (2 semesters or 3 quarters). Lab must be in-person. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Physiology

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

Human Physiology lecture and lab. Lab must be in-person. *A&P I & A&P II accepted if part of a year-long sequence*. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Human• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Psychology

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

Abnormal Psychology or Psychological Aspects of Disability. Online courses accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychological Aspects of Disability• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Psychopathology

Psychology

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted

General, Introductory, Developmental, or Lifespan Psychology. Online courses accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I• Psychology: General II• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Life Span Development

Statistics

Coursework older than 7 years will not be accepted	
Statistics course covering elementary probability models, sampling, descriptive measures, confidence intervals, testing hypotheses, chi-square, nonparametric methods, and regression. Online course accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Business: Statistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/22/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	October 1, 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>1. Fall 2022 Fresno State DPT Application Instructions [Please read on Fresno State website]: http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/physical-therapy/prospective-students/app-instructions.html</p> <p>2. Cal State Apply Graduate Online Application [Complete by January 15, 2022]: https://www2.calstate.edu/apply?</p> <p>Timeline for Fresno State DPT Application Process</p> <p>July 2021: PTCAS Applications Open</p> <p>September 15, 2021: Last Accepted GRE Test Date. GRE tests taken after this date will not be accepted.</p> <p>October 1, 2021: Fresno State PTCAS Applications Due: Observation Hours must be completed prior to the deadline and verified by the deadline. Letters of Recommendation and GRE scores must be submitted to PTCAS by the application deadline.</p> <p>July-December 2021: Application Review Period: All applicants, whose application is verified by PTCAS, can expect to receive an email application acknowledgment within 4-5 weeks of application submission or deadline, whichever occurs first by the applicant.</p> <p><i>*Please note that if an applicant does not receive an email application acknowledgment by early December, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Physical Therapy Department. Late acknowledgment from the applicant will not be reviewed. No exceptions!</i></p> <p>Mid-December 2021: Interview Decisions will be emailed through PTCAS</p> <p>December 2021-January 2022: Applicants Update Fall 2020 Course Grades through PTCAS Academic Update, Send official transcripts to PTCAS</p> <p>January 15, 2022: CSU Mentor Application Deadline. Send all transcripts and GRE scores to Fresno State Graduate Admissions.</p> <p>January 2022: Interview and Visitation Day: Saturday, January 29, 2022</p>

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