



# California State University, Northridge

Program Information	
Program Name	California State University, Northridge
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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## Program Information

Program Description	<p>Welcome to the Department of Physical Therapy at California State University, Northridge offering an entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree. CSUN's Physical Therapy program is proud of its over forty-five year history of graduating outstanding Physical Therapists who serve the public in the State of California and throughout the United States. CSUN's PT program has maintained accreditation throughout its history. We have continued accreditation and recently were revisited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education for review. Our Graduation Rate is 91% and an average of 99% pass rate on the Board Exam. One hundred percent of our students are employed within 6 months.</p> <p>Physical therapists are licensed medical professionals who provide services aimed at preventing the onset and/or slowing the progression of conditions resulting from injury, disease, and other causes. There are more than 120,000 licensed physical therapists in the US practicing in a variety of settings.</p> <p>Our full time, 3 year program begins in the Fall (late August) of each year; we only accept students in the Fall. Acceptance into the DPT program requires a Bachelor's Degree prior to beginning the first semester of courses. The Bachelor's Degree may be in any field (except Physical Therapy) and from any accredited college or university, as long as the other CSUN admissions requirements are fulfilled. Students should select and complete a major in which they have an interest and in which they can also make progress in completing the prerequisite courses for Physical Therapy. A Master's degree is not required to apply.</p> <p>Please explore our website at <a href="http://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy">www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy</a> for detailed information about our program, including the list of our DPT curriculum on our PT Department Brochure. You should plan to attend one of the regularly scheduled Group Advisement Sessions (Please see Group Advisement Schedule on our webpage). The PTCAS essay is not required for our program but may be reviewed if submitted. Interviews are not conducted as part of the Admissions process.</p> <p>Although CSUN does not have an interview process, all forms of communications with the department, including emails and phone calls, will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications, regardless of status.</p> <p>Qualities of interest: Professionalism, Competence, Good Attitude, Well-Mannered, etc.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the Program. We look forward to hearing from you!</p>
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?	No
Additional information about interviews	Although CSUN does not have an interview process, all forms of communications with the department, including emails and phone calls, will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications, regardless of status. Qualities of interest: Professionalism, Competence, Good Attitude, Well-Mannered, etc.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	No
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	32
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	32
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	100%
% Male	42%
% Female	58%
% Hispanic	10%
% Asian	35%
% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	7%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	38%
% Declining to State	10%
Additional information about the class profile	Program DOES NOT give any preference to IN-STATE or OUT-OF-STATE applicants or applicants who are currently enrolled within the university.

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental fee amount	\$70
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes - for selected applicants only
Description of supplemental materials required	Admissions Committee will give additional instructions to selected applicants.
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	05/30/2021
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7794
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	12/11/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	12/11/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	* Applicants MUST take the GRE Revised General Test before December 11, 2020 * Submit your official GRE scores to code #7794 for the California St U Northridge Phys Therapy. * Do NOT mail your GRE scores to our department directly. * Your official scores must be received by PTCAS before the October 1st deadline. Allow enough time (between your test date and our deadline) for your scores to be processed and mailed. GRE Requirements: * The GRE is required for every applicant. * A minimum 3.0 on Analytic writing portion of the GRE is required. * If your cumulative Undergraduate GPA is under a 3.0, you must score above the 50th percentile on either the Verbal or Quantitative portion in-order to be eligible. * GRE must be taken within 5 years (scores before 2015 will not be accepted).
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	154
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	65
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	58
MINIMUM GRE Analytical writing scaled score	3.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	58
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted

## Admission Requirements

Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	All PT references must include the license number and state in which the Physical Therapist is licensed.
Information about your PT requirements	FOR CYCLE 2021 ONLY * Due to Covid-19, CSUN has temporarily waived the 200 hours of PT observation requirement for this cycle. * Should you have already completed the hours, please submit them. The hours submitted must be under a licensed Physical Therapist is required. * A licensed PT must verify your hours, this can be done with the electronic form on PTCAS. A valid PT license number must be provided. * Hours verified by a PTA, Office Manager, or Volunteer Services will not be accepted.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	12/15/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	2.70
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.71
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.88
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	* If the Undergraduate Cumulative GPA is less than 3.0, then the student must score above the 50th percentile on at least one section of the GRE in order to be eligible (University Graduate School Requirement). * Repeating Courses is acceptable to help increase your prerequisite GPA. If you are repeating the same exact course, PTCAS will average the grades. You may take a different course in the same subject area to avoid an averaged grade. As long as the course meets our requirement description, we will accept it. For example, if you took Bio 101 and received a "C" grade, you may take Bio 106 instead since we accept any Biology course
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
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?	No

## Admission Requirements

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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens
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## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Please view our "Program Prerequisites" Sheet on our website for the prerequisite requirements. <a href="http://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy">http://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy</a> Applicants must meet all requirements in order to be eligible. Group Advisement Sessions: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/advisement">https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/advisement</a>
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Yes
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	<a href="http://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/program-prerequisites">http://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/program-prerequisites</a>

## Anatomy

Any Human Anatomy with a lab is acceptable. A human cadaver lab is recommended. If Anatomy and Physiology are combined, the course must be 2 semesters (8 semester units or 10 quarter units). If only one semester of a combined course is taken it will count as only Physiology. Anatomy and/or physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in a biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Human</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Biology / Biological Science

Any Biology course with a lab is acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology: Any</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: General</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> <li>• Biology: General II</li> <li>• Biology: Genetics</li> <li>• Biology: Immunology</li> <li>• Biology: Microbiology</li> <li>• Biology: Molecular</li> </ul>

## Chemistry I

Chemistry course with a lab. Introductory Chemistry courses are NOT accepted. Must take a sequenced/series courses. Standalone Chemistry courses are NOT accepted. At least 2 semester or 3 quarter courses are required to meet the requirement.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry I</li> <li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li> <li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li> <li>• Chemistry: Organic</li> </ul>

## Chemistry II

Chemistry course with a lab. Introductory Chemistry courses are NOT accepted. Must take a sequenced/series courses. Standalone Chemistry courses are NOT accepted. At least 2 semester or 3 quarter courses are required to meet the requirement.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry II</li><li>• Chemistry: Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>

## Physics I

Physics courses must be directed towards the science major, allied health profession, etc., and must have a lab component for consideration. Courses for non-science majors will not be considered. Algebra or Calculus based physics are acceptable. Standalone Introductory Physics courses are NOT accepted. At least 2 semester or 3 quarter courses are mandatory to meet the requirement.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics I</li><li>• Physics: General</li></ul>

## Physics II

2nd Physics course with a lab. Standalone Introductory Physics courses are NOT accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics II</li><li>• Physics: General</li></ul>

## Physiology

Any Human Physiology with a lab. Exercise Physiology is NOT accepted as a substitute. If Anatomy and Physiology are combined, the course must be 2 semesters (8 semester units or 10 quarter units). If only one semester of a combined course is taken it will count as only Physiology.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li><li>• A&amp;P: Human</li><li>• A&amp;P: Neurophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Pathophysiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li><li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li></ul>

## Psychology

Any Psychology course is acceptable. Kinesiology courses will not be accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: Any</li><li>• Psychology: General</li></ul>

## Psychology

2nd Psychology course. Upper Division, Developmental or Specialized Psychology courses only. A second Introductory or General Psychology will not be accepted. Abnormal Psychology or Psychopathology is highly recommended. MUST be taken from the Psychology Department. Courses taken from the Kinesiology department will not satisfy our prerequisites.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li><li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li><li>• Psychology: Advanced</li><li>• Psychology: Any</li><li>• Psychology: Child</li><li>• Psychology: Developmental</li><li>• Psychology: General</li><li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li><li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li><li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li><li>• Psychology: Psychopathology</li><li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li><li>• Psychology: Social</li><li>• Psychology: Sports</li></ul>

## Statistics

Any statistics course is acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology: Biostatistics</li><li>• Business: Statistics</li><li>• Mathematics: Statistics</li><li>• Psychology: Statistics</li></ul>

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/23/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Dec 15 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p><b>* Firm Application Deadline: December 15, 2020</b></p> <p>* Application updates made after the deadline will not be considered.</p> <p>* Although CSUN does not have an interview process, all forms of communications with the department, including emails and phone calls, will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications, regardless of status.</p> <p>* Qualities of interest: Professionalism, Competence, Good Attitude, Well-Mannered, etc.</p> <p>* To receive a campus tour, please attend one of our scheduled Group Advisement Sessions  <a href="https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/advisement?">https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/physical-therapy/advisement?</a></p> <p>* All observations hours must be verified by a licensed physical therapist. Hours verified by volunteer services will not be accepted.</p> <p><b>* Send GRE scores to PTCAS using the 7793 Code</b></p>

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