



Messiah University - Doctor in Physical Therapy Program

Program Information

Program Name	Messiah University - Doctor in Physical Therapy Program
General Description / Special Programs	
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Effective October 31, 2018, Messiah College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 717-766-251 ext. 2126 or email Dr. Valerie Olson, DPT Program Director at VOlson@Messiah.edu. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

This page is intended for college transfer students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program. Do not apply using PTCAS.

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<p>Program Description</p>	<p>Messiah College's DPT program is designed to successfully prepare you for the National Physical Therapy Examination to become a licensed physical therapist and to serve in a variety of professional settings.</p> <p>Effective October 31, 2018, Messiah College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 717-766-251 ext. 2126 or email Dr. Valerie Olson, DPT Program Director at VOlson@Messiah.edu. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.</p> <p>Program Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A 110-credit program that can be completed in eight semesters. * A cohort-learning model. * A state-of-the-art, 32,000 square-foot educational facility custom-designed for physical therapy (PT). * A program that incorporates community service, cultural relevancy and global engagement. * International collaboration with healthcare facilities across the globe using Skype communication, instructional modules and the opportunity to serve and learn on missions trips. * The academic distinction of a nationally ranked, accredited private Christian college. Messiah College is the first institution within the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in the Northeast or Mid-Atlantic Region to offer a graduate program in PT. * Faculty who are experienced Christian educators, PT professionals and accomplished scholars who will take time to mentor you in your education, faith and career. * Networking and partnership opportunities with the local PT community. <p>The DPT program is located in Winding Hill, a newly renovated, state-of-the-art educational center. The facility includes an exercise lab, cadaver lab, musculoskeletal lab, pediatric lab and full-size apartment for activities of daily living.</p>
<p>Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Institution's Religious Affiliation</p>	<p>Christian</p>
<p>Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional information about interviews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis, and students who have their applications verified and meet our requirements will be invited for interview. • Interviews will be conducted on-campus and will be in a group interview
<p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Total cumulative deposit</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Additional Information about Deposit</p>	<p>We are a rolling admissions institution. A non-refundable \$500 deposit is required as a part of our admissions process. This non-refundable deposit will be applied directly toward your tuition and fees when matriculating into the program.</p>
<p>Deposit Refundable?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Due Date of First Required Deposit</p>	<p>12/01/2020</p>
<p>Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class</p>	<p>36</p>
<p>Size of Most Recent Entering Class</p>	<p>36</p>

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	2336
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	GRE scores must be no more than 5 years old.
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	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
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	Three letters of recommendation addressing your professional experience and/or academic performance, excluding relatives, are required (at least one from faculty and at least one from a physical therapist.)
Information about your PT requirements	Common options include inpatient, outpatient and pediatric settings, such as rehabilitation centers, hospitals, outpatient therapy centers, school districts, acute care hospitals, subacute rehabilitation, extended care facilities, nursing homes, free standing PT or hospital outpatient clinic, wellness/prevention/fitness centers, industrial/occupational health facilities or home health agencies. Students must complete 25 hours in an inpatient setting, 25 hours in an outpatient setting
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	50
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	50
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements

Inpatient	Required
Outpatient	Required
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	All prerequisite courses must have been successfully completed with a C or better with an average of 3.0 for the prerequisite courses.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	With few exceptions, international students are required to submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores from within the last two years. The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 80 on the internet based version or 550 on the paper based version. The minimum acceptable IELTS score is 6.5.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	* Applicants must demonstrate satisfactory completion of the undergraduate courses listed below. Admission decisions are based on a holistic review of each application; however, performance in these prerequisite courses is a significant factor. * Therefore, a grade of C or better must be achieved in each course, with a minimum cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.0.
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	https://www.messiah.edu/homepage/3027/faq

Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A&P: Any A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Any• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: General

Biology II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Cell• Biology: General• Biology: General II• Biology: Microbiology

Chemistry I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Organic

Medical Terminology

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Terminology
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Physics I

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
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Lab Required	Not Required
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Credits	SH: 3
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Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Any• Psychology: Life Span Development
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Statistics

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

PT program start date for entering class	08/25/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	May 17 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Applicants will be reviewed when their application is verified and all the requirements have been submitted.* Once a student has been evaluated and meets our minimum requirements they will be invited for an interview.* Interviews are held once a month through the Spring/Early Summer.* Our admissions process is rolling, so students will be accepted after the interview on a rolling basis.* Open House Dates

Program Contacts

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