



Program Information

Program Name	University of Colorado
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1948
Country	United States
State	CO
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"This page is intended for college graduates and soon-to-be college graduates ONLY. We do NOT offer a guaranteed freshman-entry program for high school students."

Program Description	<p>See the PT Program website for detailed information regarding requirements</p> <p>COVID-19 Updates for the 2020-21 Application</p> <p>The University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program is a 2 1/2 year program that begins with Orientation the last Wednesday in May, followed by Summer semester beginning the first Monday in June. The academic program (including clinical education) continues for 8 consecutive semesters with graduation in December. Full-time and part-time clinical education experiences are interspersed throughout the first two years and begin as early as the second semester (fall). During the Fall semester of the third year all students complete a final 16 week clinical internship. Upon completion of the Program, students are awarded the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, and are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE). Following graduation, some students will continue in a year-long paid internship at the same site for an additional 36 weeks and other students may continue in a specially designed internship and/or post-professional residency experience, while others choose to assume employment as a licensed PT.</p> <p>Our curriculum is rigorous, but students still find time to pursue opportunities in community service, explore global health, participate in a student-run interdisciplinary clinic, and get involved in faculty research activities. As part of the School of Medicine, the University of Colorado Physical Therapy Program is located on the Anschutz Medical Campus, the only academic health sciences campus in the Rocky Mountain Region. Our Program provides students an interprofessional learning environment uniquely designed to prepare them for their roles as future health care professionals.</p> <p>We seek applicants who bring a passion for healthcare and working closely with patients, a variety of life experiences, a strong academic background, and who will add to the diversity of our student body and the physical therapy profession.</p> <hr/> <p>Typically, out-of-state students are able to establish residency after the first year. If residency status is achieved the student would pay in-state tuition for the 2nd and 3rd (half) year of the program.</p> <p>Total Annual Cost of the Program based on 2019-2020 tuition rates:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Year 2</p> <p>Year 3</p>
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Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Dual-degree programs offered in conjunction with the PT degree	There is a DPT/PhD degree option that provides students with the opportunity to become doctorally prepared Physical Therapist clinicians (DPT) and Rehabilitation Scientists (PhD) in tandem. Admission to the DPT does not guarantee admission to the PhD, and a separate application to the PhD is required later. Applicants interested in this dual degree option MUST have previous research experience and respond to the additional essay question. All requirements for the DPT also apply to the DPT/PhD.
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No
Institution's Religious Affiliation	None
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Onsite interviews are required and are by invitation only. Interviews will be held January 8 and 9, 2021 on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	A \$1000.00 deposit is required to accept an offer of admission and is applied to the first semester tuition and fees. Deposits must be submitted in the form of a personal check, cashier's check or money order at the time of accepting an offer of admission.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/22/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	72
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	70
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	48%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	52%
% Male	38%
% Female	62%
% Hispanic	1%
% Asian	4%

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% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	1%
% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	70%
% Two or More Races	20%
% Declining to State	3%
Additional information about the class profile	Percent of IN-STATE and OUT-OF-STATE applicants accepted annually varies, and there is not a specific or set number of applicants accepted solely on this criteria. WICHE applicants accepted varies annually depending on qualified applicants who are offered admission and who meet WICHE criteria. Program is committed to a holistic review of applicants and gives preference to those who excel in academics, leadership and community service. This commitment extends to individuals from all backgrounds, to Colorado residents, and to expanding diversity in the physical therapy profession.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$100
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	The supplemental fee is a one-time fee payable to the University of Colorado. Payment of \$100 can be made directly using the weblink address below. This fee is due at the time the application is submitted to PTCAS (deadline is 10/1/2020). No additional written applications or materials are required beyond the completed application through PTCAS. The Supplemental fee MUST be paid in order for your application to be reviewed and considered by our PT Program's Admissions Committee. All applicants are REQUIRED to participate in CASPer on one of ten available test dates. The final date for applicants to our program is October 13, 2020. CASPer is a selection tool used by academic programs to help assess applicants for non-academic attributes or people skills. Registration, test dates and fee information are available at the following link: https://account.takecasper.com/signup . We encourage applicants to provide details of all experiences within the PTCAS application form. Do not include a resume.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Supplemental Fee: https://isis-cs.prod.cu.edu/psc/csprod/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/CU_SELF_SRV_PUB.CU_APPFEE_PAYMENT.GBL?INSTITUTION=CUDEN
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 2	CASPer: https://account.takecasper.com/signup
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	10/01/2020
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	7619
University GRE code	7619
PT Program department GRE code	7619
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	09/30/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	10/01/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	Applicants MUST have GRE scores that are no older than 5 years. The highest score in each category will be considered in the admissions process.
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning % score	67
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	155
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning % score	56

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AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing scaled score	4.0
AVERAGE GRE Analytical writing % score	67
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not 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	Obtain three (3) references, including AT LEAST one (1) from each of the following: 1) Licensed physical therapist whom the applicant has observed working with patients in a PT setting AND who holds a current U.S. PT license. 2) Science professor or course instructor from the student's major, from a basic science course, or from a course that meets an upper division science prerequisite. 3) Additional professor, health professional, OR recent employer or supervisor **Additional information regarding these references: - Health Care Professional (for reference type #3) must be licensed as: MD, DO, RN (NP, MSN, BSN, DNP), PA-C, PT (BS, MS, MPT, DPT), or OT (BS, MS, MOT, DOT). - We do NOT accept references from PTAs or OTAs. - Reference from a Professor can be completed by an Instructor, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor who was the primary teacher or course coordinator. - We do NOT accept references from guest lecturers, TAs or GAs. - We do NOT accept references from coaches, clergy, co-workers, family or friends.
Information about your PT requirements	For definitions and descriptions of PT settings, follow the information under 'Select the PT Setting' at: http://www.ptcas.org/PTHours/ We require a minimum of 15 hours in EACH of 3 settings: - Minimum of 15 hours in an inpatient setting: hospital, rehabilitation facility, or extended care facility; AND - Minimum of 15 hours in an outpatient setting: free standing PT clinic or outpatient hospital clinic; AND - Minimum of 15 hours in an additional setting: school/preschool, home health, wellness/fitness based practice, industrial/occupational, or other PT specialty care NOTE: We encourage quality, reflection, and breadth of observation over quantity of hours. Observation hours are to gain exposure to the roles and responsibilities of physical therapists within different settings and with different patient populations.
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	45
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	10/01/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Required
Outpatient	Required
MINIMUM GPA Overall cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall cumulative	3.64

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Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Program will use the highest grade earned in a repeated course to meet the prerequisite. However, when calculating the overall GPA, however, ALL recorded grades are included in the average. Grades of C- and below are not accepted in any course that is intended to meet a prerequisite. Applicants with an Overall Cumulative GPA below the minimum of 3.0 may be considered when there is evidence of a positive trend in grades over time AND a higher GPA in courses identified as program prerequisites.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
CanadianTranscriptsDictionary	Send original Canadian transcript to PTCAS (recommended), Send WES foreign evaluation for Canadian courses to PTCAS
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, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Non-citizens will need to provide appropriate documentation to be eligible for admission. For additional information, contact International Student & Scholar Services: http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/internationalprograms/oia/iss/Default.aspx English translation and WES evaluations are required for all original foreign transcripts. Applicants must have a transcript evaluation that states that the foreign Bachelor's degree is equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in the United States to be eligible to apply to this Program. In addition, the applicant must have transcripts and evaluations that meet any additional prerequisite courses not included in the Bachelor's degree evaluation report. Applicants who have attended a Canadian institution that uses a non-traditional or non-conforming grading system, will need to provide a WES evaluation. If the Canadian institution uses a traditional grading system, no WES evaluation is required. Submit transcript and/or WES evaluations through PTCAS.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to matriculation, although an application may be submitted prior to completing all prerequisite coursework. Only one (1) prerequisite science course may be in progress in the spring semester prior to matriculation. Courses completed with a C- or below are not acceptable. It is recommended that all science and math courses be completed within the last five (5) years. Anatomy, physiology and at least one upper-division science must have been completed within the last ten (10) years, and preferably within the last five (5) years. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit is accepted only if a transcript reflects the credit earned. Upper-division anatomy and physiology courses taken separately are preferred. All upper-division science courses must carry a course number of 300 or higher. 100 level courses are viewed as less competitive and will not benefit the applicant's standing.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Varies
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/physical-therapy-program/education-programs/doctor-of-physical-therapy/apply

Anatomy

Separate, upper division course is preferred. Course must include anatomy of ALL body systems. Course must include a laboratory component or a separate laboratory course taken concurrently.. Coursework older than 10 years NOT accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Animal • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate • Biology: Any

Chemistry I

The first semester of a sequence in General or College Chemistry I or Organic Chemistry I. Course must include a laboratory component or a separate laboratory course taken concurrently. Survey courses are not acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4-5 QS: 6-8
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry I • Chemistry: Any • Chemistry: Inorganic • Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

The second semester of a sequence of General or College Chemistry II or Organic Chemistry II. Course must include a laboratory component or a separate laboratory course taken concurrently. Survey courses are not acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4-5 QS: 6-8
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry II • Chemistry: Inorganic • Chemistry: Organic

English Composition / Writing

Writing or writing-intensive courses in any content area or major are acceptable. The transcript and/or catalog course description must identify the course as "writing intensive" to meet this requirement. (Documentation may be required.).

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Composition • English Composition I • English Composition II • Technical Writing • Writing

Math

Calculus or Trigonometry is preferred. AP credit for math is accepted if the AP grade was previously accepted by 4 year college and stated as math credit on the transcript.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics: Algebra• Mathematics: Calculus• Mathematics: Geometry• Mathematics: Pre-Calculus• Mathematics: Trigonometry

Physics I

The first semester of a sequence in General or College Physics I. Either algebra or calculus-based courses sequences are acceptable. Course must include a lab component or a separate lab course taken concurrently. Survey courses are not acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I• Physics: Any• Physics: General

Physics II

The second semester of a sequence of General or College Physics II. Either algebra or calculus-based sequences are acceptable. Course must include a lab component or a separate lab course taken concurrently. Survey courses are not acceptable.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II• Physics: General

Physiology

Separate, upper division course is preferred. Course must include physiology of ALL body systems. Course must include a laboratory component or a separate laboratory course taken concurrently. Coursework older than 10 years NOT accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: Animal• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Comparative• A&P: Human• A&P: Mammalian• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses• A&P: Vertebrate

Psychology

1 of 2 Psychology courses. At least one of the two psychology courses must be through the Psychology Department. Abnormal and Developmental Psychology courses are preferred. A year-long Introduction to Psychology course is acceptable but both semesters must be completed. Statistics from a Psychology department does not meet this psychology prerequisite. 1 of 2 required.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Advanced • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: General I • Psychology: General II • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports

Psychology

2 of 2 Psychology courses. 2 of 2 required. See the above listing for ALL acceptable courses and additional information.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology: Abnormal • Psychology: Adolescent • Psychology: Advanced • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: Developmental • Psychology: General • Psychology: General I • Psychology: General II • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Life Span Development • Psychology: Psychopathology • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Social • Psychology: Sports • Psychology: Statistics

Statistics

Statistics courses that include measures of central tendency, reliability, validity, correlations, comparison of means and regression are acceptable. These concepts should be included in the course description or syllabus.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Business: Statistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Upper Division Basic Science

Courses at the 300 level or higher (100 level for California schools) are REQUIRED to meet this prerequisite. Cell Biology and Biochemistry are strongly recommended if they are taught at the upper division level. Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics, and Science-Based Kinesiology courses are acceptable IF at the upper division level. Upper-division human anatomy and human physiology courses WILL be counted towards the upper-division science requirement WHEN the applicant has also completed lower-division (100/1000-200/2000 level) human anatomy and human physiology courses (8 semester hours total with labs). If the applicant has only completed upper-division human anatomy and human physiology courses (8 semester hours total with labs), an additional 3-semester hour upper-division science course (300/3000+ level in the biology, chemistry and physics departments OR a 300/3000+ level exercise physiology, biomechanics, or kinesiology course) will be required.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4 QS: 5-6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • Biology: Advanced • Biology: Any • Biology: Cell • Biology: Embryology • Biology: Genetics • Biology: Histology • Biology: Immunology • Biology: Microbiology • Biology: Molecular • Biology: Zoology • Chemistry: Any • Chemistry: Biochemistry • Chemistry: Organic • Exercise Physiology • Physics: Any

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	06/02/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Oct 01 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>Interviews for the DPT program are held on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus by invitation only. Interviews are scheduled for January 8 and 9, 2021. The interview is a full-day experience on campus. An interview is required to be offered admission to the Program. All applicants are required to participate in CASPer and pay the supplemental fee by the October 1, 2020 deadline.</p> <p>DPT/PhD degree option provides students with the opportunity to become doctorally prepared Physical Therapist clinicians (DPT) and Rehabilitation Scientists (PhD) in tandem. Admission to the DPT does not guarantee admission to the PhD - an additional application for the PhD will be required later. Any applicant interested in this dual degree option MUST have previous research experience and MUST respond to the additional essay question in this application. All requirements for the DPT applicants also apply to the DPT/PhD applicant. Applicants who indicate interest in this dual degree option will also be part of the DPT applicant pool. For questions or additional information on the PhD component, contact Program Administrator: Kenton Owsley at kenton.owsley@ucdenver.edu or 303-724-3468.</p> <p>PT Preview Day is a separate event that offers an introduction to the Program curriculum, admissions process, and financial aid. It is appropriate for those applying during the upcoming cycle and those planning to apply in the future. Information regarding the date and registration can be found on our Program website.</p> <p>Visit our website to learn about opportunities to visit the Anschutz Medical Campus and learn more about our program.</p>

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