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Program Name	University of North Dakota
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1967
Country	United States
State	ND
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<p>Program Description</p>	<p>The University of North Dakota (UND) Physical Therapy Department is located in the School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS) and offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The SMHS houses the Medical School, Basic Sciences and other Health Science Programs including Athletic Training, Cytotechnology, Medical Laboratory Science, Occupational Therapy, and the Physician Assistant Program. The Physical Therapy Department moved into a new School of Medicine and Health Sciences building in 2016. The building has space for individual study, small group collaboration, and interprofessional learning communities. Students have after-hours access to the building, cadaver anatomy lab, and physical therapy skills lab using electronic door access key cards.</p> <p>Founded by the Dakota Territorial Assembly in 1883, six years before statehood, UND was intended to be, and has remained, a university with a strong liberal arts foundation surrounded by a variety of professional and specialized programs. UND is one of only 47 public universities in the nation with both accredited graduate schools of law and medicine. It is admired for its spacious, beautiful campus and extensive resources. The University has earned an international reputation for its academic and research programs. UND enrolls approximately 15,000 students in over 225 fields of study from baccalaureate through doctoral and professional degrees. While 34% come from North Dakota; the rest represent all other states, eight Canadian provinces, and more than 60 countries.</p> <p>The physical therapy program at UND was established in 1967, and was first accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association in 1970. The Department of Physical Therapy offers a six year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree. The Physical Therapy program at UND is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314.</p> <p>The Physical Therapy Department has eleven full-time faculty, two part-time faculty and three staff members. All of the faculty members are licensed physical therapists with advanced graduate training. Along with their teaching responsibilities, faculty members are involved in a combination of clinical practice, service and research activities. The faculty research activities include community programming for prevention and wellness, biomechanical motion analysis, electromyography, balance testing and training, muscle strengthening, electrical stimulation, functional outcomes, pediatric intervention, and effectiveness of physical therapy interventions. As part of the curriculum, students are provided the opportunity to collaborate with faculty performing research.</p> <p>Acceptance into the program is on a competitive basis, with the major determinant being the basic science grade point average. The Physical Therapy program accepts 52 students per year. Although it varies from year to year, we generally receive 200 to 250 eligible candidate applications. Final acceptance into the professional physical therapy program is also dependent on cumulative GPA, GRE scores, reference letters, a personal interview, and other personal qualifications. Prospective students are expected to complete at least 60 hours of observation prior to admission, 40 of which must be with a physical therapist. Interviews are granted on a competitive basis.</p> <p>The Physical Therapy program does not require a bachelor's degree for admission. We do require at least 90 credits of college coursework, and 20 of those credits must be taken within a specific discipline or area of concentration. At least 8 of the 20 credits in the area of concentration must be from upper level courses (i.e. 300 and/or 400 numbers). All students entering the professional program enter the School of Graduate Studies at the beginning of the first professional year.</p> <p>The professional education component of the D.P.T. requires three academic years and two summer sessions following completion of the pre-physical therapy entrance requirements. Students spend 37 weeks in clinical experiences. The experiences begin in the first professional year with a one week clinical experience. Subsequent clinical experiences are divided into 9 week blocks of time. Two of those blocks are completed during the first semester of year 02, and the remaining two blocks are completed during the last semester of year 03. All students will be expected to complete clinical experiences in the areas of outpatient orthopedics, inpatient (e.g. acute care, LTC, TCU, rural acute) and neuro-rehabilitation as well as some time in clinical areas of special interest to the student. At present, we have contracts with over 200 clinical sites, the majority of which lie outside the greater Grand Forks area.</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>Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional information about interviews</p>	<p>Early acceptance interviews will occur in September of 2020. Requirements include a complete application, prerequisite science GPA of 3.7 or higher, ND resident or all coursework from UND, and completion of all prerequisite coursework. Traditional acceptance interviews will occur in early March 2021. Individuals with fully complete applications, verified transcripts and higher prerequisite science GPA's receive a scheduling preference for traditional interviews.</p>
<p>Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Total cumulative deposit</p>	<p>\$200</p>

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Additional Information about Deposit	The deposit is non-refundable and applied toward the students first semester tuition once the student begins courses in the professional physical therapy program.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	03/29/2021
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$95000
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$124000
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	52
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	52
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	41%
% of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) applicants accepted	2%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	57%
% Male	44%
% Female	56%
% Hispanic	2%
% Asian	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	94%
% Two or More Races	2%
Additional information about the class profile	Application to the program is open to both residents and non-residents of North Dakota. As a state funded institution, North Dakota residents are provided some preference during admissions. We accept applications from International students providing their pre-physical therapy coursework was completed at an accredited university and the transcripts were evaluated and accepted by the University of North Dakota. The University of North Dakota Department of Physical Therapy is an associate member of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). As such, UND-PT is a recipient institution for WICHE-certified students from the states of Hawaii, Nevada, Wyoming and Alaska. Only WICHE certified students are eligible for admissions through the WICHE process. The States that currently support physical therapy WICHE students are Wyoming, Nevada and Hawaii. Alaska students are offered loan support from Alaska. Interested WICHE applicants must be certified by their respective State. Applicants need to contact their respective WICHE certifying officer for details of the certification process. Non-WICHE certified students may apply, however they would apply as non-residents.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$35
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Not sure at this time
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	12/11/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://und.edu/admissions/graduate/
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	0541
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	11/20/2020
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	11/30/2017
AVERAGE GRE Verbal reasoning scaled score	150
AVERAGE GRE Quantitative reasoning scaled score	153
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
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 accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type accepted
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	References accepted through PTCAS only. No references are required for the supplemental application through the UND School of Graduate Studies.
Information about your PT requirements	Physical Therapy observation experience is required by all candidates and a variety of experiences is recommended. The experience may come in the form of observation, volunteer work or paid employment. We require that each prospective applicant spend at least 60 hours in a health care setting, 40 hours of which must be in a physical therapy setting under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The applicant should keep a log of the number of hours completed, name and type of facility, supervisors name and types of patients observed.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	60
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	60

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DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	12/11/2020
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.80
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.80
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Students may repeat OR replace a maximum of two prerequisite courses for inclusion in the program specific science GPA calculations. To replace a course grade, the student must first successfully complete the prerequisite course with a letter grade of "C" or better. Common replacement requests include exercise physiology for a physiology course grade, microbiology for biology, and biochemistry for chemistry. Please identify specific course repeats and/or replacements in the program specific supplemental questions.
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	If transferring from a college or university outside of the United States, a course-by course evaluation of non-U.S. post-secondary credentials is required through World Education Services (WES) (www.wes.org). Submit the WES evaluation to PTCAS at the time of application. If accepted by the physical therapy program, submit an official copy of all US and international transcripts to the UND Department of Physical Therapy prior to enrollment. The transcripts must be certified by the awarding institution. If transcripts are not in English, an English translation is required. Acceptance into the physical therapy program is dependent on a positive review of the transcripts by the University.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	No
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	The Physical Therapy program does not require a bachelor's degree for admission. We do require at least 90 credits; 20 of those credits must be taken within a specific discipline or area of concentration. At least 8 of the 20 credits must be from upper level courses (i.e. 300 and/or 400 numbers).
General Information	Prior to admission, a minimum of 90 semester hours of credit from an approved college or university is required. Students should be broadly educated in the sciences and humanities. It is strongly recommended that students be computer literate prior to entering the professional program. Students are required to obtain a personal computer that meets the programs specifications. The depth of the pre-physical therapy education should demonstrate that students have progressed from simple to complex studies in at least one content area. This requirement might typically be demonstrated by a discipline major, but in any case should demonstrate a basic comprehensiveness and integrity of study within one particular content area. This does not suggest that a separate undergraduate degree must be awarded, however the breadth and depth in at least one discipline should be demonstrated. Course credits equivalent to a minor (20 credits at UND) in a particular discipline could accomplish this requirement. The prospective student must have at least 8 of the 20 credits from upper level (i.e. 300 and/or 400 numbers) courses. Students who have questions about the 20 credit cognate/minor should contact the department for more information.
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	http://www.med.und.edu/physical-therapy/

Anatomy

A system-based study of human gross anatomy. Compare to See BIMD 220/220L and BIMD 221/221L at the Univ of North Dakota

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

Biology I

Basic concepts of biology with emphasis on life's diversity, processes, and man's place in nature. Compare to Biology 150 and 150L at UND.

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

Biology II

Basic concepts of biology with emphasis on life's diversity, processes, and man's place in nature. Compare to Biology 151 and 151L at UND.

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

Chemistry I

Elementary principles and theories of chemistry; matter, measurement, atoms, ions, molecules, reactions, chemical calculations, thermochemistry, bonding, molecular geometry, periodicity, gases. See UND CHEM 121/L.

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

Chemistry II

Elementary principles and theories of chemistry; Intermolecular forces, liquids, solids, kinetics, equilibria, acids and bases. Solution chemistry, precipitation, thermodynamics, electrochemistry. See UNDCHEM 122/L

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

Communication / Speech / Public Speaking

The theory and practice of public speaking with emphasis on content, organization, language, delivery, and critical evaluation of messages. Compare to UND Communication 110 course.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comm: Public Speaking

English Composition / Writing

Emphasis on rhetoric and critical thinking. Requires writing and production of primary and secondary research with application to community issues. Writing for an immediate and explicit purpose. See UND English 130.

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

English Composition / Writing

See above	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English Composition II

Humanities

Courses should contribute to Essential Studies requirements at UND if the applicant does not have a bachelor's degree. Refer to UND Essential Studies <http://und.edu/academics/essential-studies/>

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Humanities

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Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Humanities

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Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Humanities

Medical Terminology

A medical terminology course is required. If the applicant is accepted at UND but has not completed a medical terminology course; a self study, distance based medical terminology component is available.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 1
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medical Terminology

Physics I

Physics Introductory Topics: Newtonian mechanics and gravitation, work and energy, solids and fluids, vibrations and waves, electricity and magnetism, light and optics. See Physics 161 and 161L at UND.

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

Physics II

Physics Introductory Topics: Newtonian mechanics and gravitation, work and energy, solids and fluids, vibrations and waves, electricity and magnetism, light and optics. See Physics 162 and 162L at UND.

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

Physiology

Study of the normal function of the human body with particular consideration given to the necessary background needed by students pursuing a course of study in Health Sciences. See BIMD 220/220L and BIMD 221/221L

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

Psychology

A survey of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes, with consideration of the nature and scope of psychology as a science and a profession. Compare to Psychology 111 at UND.

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

Psychology

A survey of the psychology of human life span development including intellectual, social, and emotional aspects of the normal individual and emphasizing childhood and adolescent development. See Psychology 250 at UND. Applicants may also take child and adolescent psychology if developmental psychology is not offered at their institution.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Developmental

Psychology

A survey of the classification, symptoms, and etiology of psychological disorders and behavior pathology. Compare to Psychology 270 at UND.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal

Social/Behavioral Science

Courses in this area should contribute to the completion of the Essential Studies requirements at UND if the applicant does not have a degree prior to matriculation in the professional program.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social/Behavioral Science: Any

Statistics

Descriptive and inferential statistics applied to measurement and experimentation. Compare to UND Dept of Psychology Psyc 241.

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

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	Interviews will be scheduled for early March 2021. Applicants who are offered an interview will be notified by email to set up an interview date and time.

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