



Program Information

Program Name	West Coast University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

The demand for physical therapists is expected to grow nationally by 28%1 between 2016 and 2026,1 much faster than the average for all occupations. As baby boomers age, they are staying active longer and the need for physical therapy professionals with a DPT degree has accelerated.

With that in mind, West Coast University has created a student-centric, three-year doctor of physical therapy program dedicated to developing proficient physical therapists poised to fill this emerging demand.

WCU Advantages - DPT Program

Leveraging innovative learning strategies, West Coast University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program places experience and collaboration at the cornerstone of student achievement.

Ongoing Experiential Education - classroom theory comes alive with a progression of dynamic clinical experiences. At approved clinical sites and in simulated training, DPT degree students work with and under the supervision of experienced clinicians. Three end-of-program clinical internships will help students develop skills learned in the classroom and lab and establish the self-confidence graduates will need as they begin their careers.

A variety of clinical internship opportunities - Doctor of Physical Therapy program students will have a total of 51 weeks of full-time clinical internships during the academic program at WCU. These will take place in a minimum of three different practice settings to ensure that students are prepared to be a general practitioner at graduation and equipped to work in a range of clinical settings. WCU has clinical agreements nationwide and students will be required to complete at least one clinical education experience outside of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Expenses related to the clinical education experience such as housing and other living expenses, are the responsibility of the student.

Student-focused approach - WCU helps prepare graduates to practice physical therapy with both compassion and competence, while reinforcing essential, evidence-based skills.

Support Beyond Graduation

West Coast University supports its students beyond the last day of class. We are committed to helping our Doctor of Physical Therapy program graduates throughout their careers graduates throughout their careers.

Through our [Career Service Department](#), we provide ongoing assistance with professional and career development through workshops and guidance for our students and graduates. We partner with industry professionals and enhance the prospects for securing employment and obtaining professional success.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at West Coast University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 323-284-4376 or email CGSGradAdmissions@westcoastuniversity.edu.

<<<Helpful Links>>>

DPT Program Admissions Requirements: <https://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogiq.com/Spring-2020/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Graduate-Programs-of-Study/Physical-Therapy/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Program-Information>

Admissions FAQs: <https://westcoastuniversity.edu/programs/doctor-physical-therapy/frequently-asked-questions.html>

Program Statistical Data: <https://westcoastuniversity.edu/programs/doctor-physical-therapy/program-statistical-data.html>

DPT Program Faculty: <https://westcoastuniversity.edu/programs/doctor-physical-therapy/meet-the-faculty.html>

DPT Program Curriculum: <https://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogiq.com/Spring-2020/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Graduate-Programs-of-Study/Physical-Therapy/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Program-Information>

Program Description

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
Additional information about interviews	Selected qualified candidates are invited for an in-person interview.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Deposit Refundable?	Yes
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021

Program Information

Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	44
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	44

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$75
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	Yes
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	WCU Application for Admission: https://westcoastuniversity.edu/contactus/application.html
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	02/12/2021
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://westcoastuniversity.edu/contactus/application.html
Is GRE Required?	Yes
Program's PTCAS GRE code	4358
Last acceptable GRE test date for this cycle	02/08/2021
Oldest GRE test date considered for this cycle	02/01/2015
Additional information about program's GRE requirements	There is no minimum score requirement at this time. **GRE scores older than 5 years will NOT be accepted.**
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor in Major	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Professor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Supervisor/Employer	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
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
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	The program requires 2 letters/evaluations minimum. One must be from a physical therapist and the other can be from an employer/supervisor/faculty member.
Information about your PT requirements	Applicants must complete a minimum of 40 observation hours with a licensed physical therapist.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification by a physical therapist

Admission Requirements

Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	02/12/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	A minimum overall undergraduate degree GPA of 3.0 is required; post-baccalaureate coursework not considered in this calculation. Additionally, a minimum of 3.0 GPA is required for our program prerequisites in order to be considered.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Canadian Transcripts Dictionary	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?	No
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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	If you have any questions, please contact the admissions department via email and they will assist you. Email: CGSGradAdmissions@westcoastuniversity.edu Please allow 48 business hours for a response.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Varies
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	Proof of Bachelor's degree is required to be submitted by the PTCAS application deadline (not the start of class).
General Information	*Prerequisites must be completed within the last 10 years.* IMPORTANT NOTE: All transcripts are due to PTCAS at least 4 weeks prior to our deadline in order to avoid missing the deadline. Your application and transcripts must be fully complete and verified by PTCAS before our deadline, in order to be reviewed. Program does not accept Credit by Examination & Advanced Placement credits. All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of a C or better, meet our semester unit requirements, be completed within the last ten years and through a regionally accredited institution.
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://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogiq.com/Spring-2018/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Graduate-Programs-of-Study/Physical-Therapy/Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy-Program-Information

Anatomy

One (1) course in human anatomy with a lab (4 semester hours including labs). 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"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology / Biological Science

One (1) course in biology (at least 3 semester hours). 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: Advanced• Biology: Any• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular
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Chemistry 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">• Chemistry I• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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Chemistry 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">• Chemistry I• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Advanced• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic
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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• Physics II• Physics: General
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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 I• Physics II• Physics: General
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Physiology

One (1) course in physiology with a lab (4 semester hours including labs). 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"> • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Social/Behavioral Science

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

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

Social/Behavioral Science

Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics • Humanities • Philosophy • Psychology: Any • Psychology: Child • Psychology: Death & Dying • Psychology: General • Psychology: Growth & Development • Psychology: Human Behavior • Psychology: Rehabilitation • Psychology: Sports • Social/Behavioral Science: Any

Statistics

One (1) statistics course (3 Semester hours). Coursework older than 10 years not accepted.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 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	09/03/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Feb 15 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	<p>Please Note: Coursework older than 10 years will NOT be accepted to meet the program's prerequisite requirements.</p> <p>All admissions requirements are due by the deadline in order to be considered. This includes all prerequisite coursework & completion of an undergraduate degree. Transcripts should be submitted to PTCAS with an appropriate amount of time for processing, in order to meet the deadline of 2/15/2021. Transcripts must be already in a verified status through PTCAS to be reviewed. No documents or transcripts will be accepted after the deadline.</p> <p>Application close deadline is firm.</p>

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