



Western University of Health Sciences - California

Program Information	
Program Name	Western University of Health Sciences - California
General Description / Special Programs	
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>* The curriculum for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program will prepare the graduate to be a physical therapist generalist. The DPT program is three years in length, and the curriculum consists of nine semesters, each having a particular emphasis. Didactic education, with embedded clinical experiences including in class opportunities with classmates, standardized patients, and "real" patients/clients, and clinical education experiences in a wide variety of clinical settings during year one, two, and three.</p> <p>* Year I consists of an 18-week fall semester, a 19-week spring semester that includes a two-week clinical experience, and a nine-week summer semester.</p> <p>* Year II consists of 18-week fall & spring semesters followed by a 12-week summer semester clinical experience.</p> <p>* Year III consists of 18-week fall semester, two 12-week clinical experiences spring & summer semesters. Following the clinical experiences students return to campus for four-weeks of electives, capstone presentation and licensure exam preparation.</p> <p>* All Western University students are required to participate in interprofessional curriculum courses (IPE). IPE provides a forum for students to collaborate and learn from students in eight other health-care programs. The mission of IPE is to produce humanistic healthcare professionals who provide and promote collaborative patient-centered care and coordinated health care management.</p> <p>* DPT students will complete their education in August, but will participate in the University-wide commencement two months prior in May. State licensure examinations can be taken following successful completion of the program. The faculty includes scholars, researchers, administrators and clinicians from the professions of physical therapy, psychology, education, osteopathy, medicine and the basic sciences. All faculty are committed to the preparation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy professional who will be generalists, well versed in all aspects of physical therapy and dedicated to their profession and to the patients they serve.</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?	Yes

Program Information

Additional information about interviews	Interviews are held on the Pomona, California campus and attendance is mandatory for consideration. Interview invitations begin going out via email in early-Fall with our first interview day occurring in September. Interviews finish in late Fall with decisions going out by email within three weeks of the interview date.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1000
Additional Information about Deposit	Deposit is non-refundable and is required to secure a seat in the class.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2021
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	54
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	54
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	81%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	19%
% Male	43%
% Female	57%
% Hispanic	18%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.02%
% Asian	16%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	41%
% Two or More Races	23%
% Declining to State	1.98%
Additional information about the class profile	Due to our rolling admissions process, we encourage applicants to apply early. Interviews will begin in September 2020. Candidates are typically notified of their interview selection two weeks prior to the interview. All interviewed candidates will know their post-interview decision by January 2021.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Deadline for Submission of Supplemental Materials	11/01/2020
Link to supplemental forms or instructions	https://prospective.westernu.edu/health-sciences/dpt/apply/
Is GRE Required?	No
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Professor in Major	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Professor	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
Academic	Evaluator type not accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type not accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted

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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	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	We require three satisfactory recommendations: one from a supervising physical therapist and one from a college course instructor/professor. The third letter must be from either a licensed physical therapist or a college course instructor/professor; a physical therapist is preferred.
Information about your PT requirements	* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a variety of Physical Therapy observation experiences are recommended for this admission cycle. The experience may come in the form of observation, volunteer work or paid employment. * We highly recommend 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 - a licensed PT must verify hours w/ signed form uploaded or online via PTCAS
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	60
DEADLINE for completion of all PT hours	07/01/2021
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.38
MINIMUM GPA Prerequisite - All prerequisite courses indicated on the PTCAS application	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Prerequisite - All prerequisite courses indicated on the PTCAS application	3.42
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Applicants must have a minimum overall and prerequisite GPA of 3.00 or higher at the time of application (in progress coursework at the time of application and through matriculation are not considered). Competitive applicants will have an overall and prerequisite GPA consistent with the most recent entering class averages of 3.40 and above. We will use the most recent grade earned for repeated courses. Candidates may not have more than five science repeats (including those repeated more than once). Additional instances of a course will be included in the overall GPA calculation. Candidates must designate a course as repeated to have repeated courses excluded from the overall and prerequisite GPA calculations. ALL repeated coursework is to be designated on the PTCAS, even non-prerequisite courses. Candidates are to select only one course per prerequisite requirement on the PTCAS. Do not select multiple courses to fulfill a prerequisite unless it is a prerequisite in which a lab is required (i.e. General Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, and Physiology).
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)

Admission Requirements

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
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	<p>* Applicants who wish to use coursework completed outside of the United States, including Canada, must submit their transcripts for evaluation to World Education Services (WES).</p> <p>* A course-by-course evaluation and calculation of GPA is required and all coursework must be designated as undergraduate, graduate, or professional.</p> <p>* The course-by-course evaluation must be received by PTCAS from WES by the application deadline.</p>

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	<p>* All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of C or better (a grade of C or lower is not acceptable) and at a regionally accredited U.S. institution (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis) or its equivalent abroad. * No more than one science (if semester-based course; two if the course is quarter-based) and one non-science prerequisite may be in progress after the fall term prior to matriculation (e.g. December 31, 2020, for Fall 2021 entering class). * NO MORE than 5 sciences courses can be repeated. Those repeated due to expiring are excluded from the maximum allotted. *All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the spring term prior to matriculation (e.g. May/June 2021, for the fall 2021 entering class). * One prerequisite may be taken on an advanced-placement, pass/no pass or credit/no credit basis. * Online/virtual laboratories will NOT be accepted to satisfy science prerequisite requirements. * ALL prerequisite courses MUST be checked against our online prerequisite database (https://webapp.westernu.edu/prerequisite/view_college_main/?DEPT_NAME=DPT). If course is not listed a syllabus MUST be submitted for review.</p>
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://prospective.westernu.edu/health-sciences/dpt/requirements/

Anatomy

Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation. MUST be taken from the anatomy, physiology, A&P, biology or zoology departments. Combined anatomy & physiology courses will be considered only if a combined course sequence (2 semesters or 3 quarters) in anatomy & physiology is completed. Online laboratory will not be accepted to satisfy the prerequisite. Coursework older than 7 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: Any • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Comparative • A&P: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Human • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate • Biology: Any

Chemistry I

Two semesters or three quarters are required. Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation and specified for science majors. Introductory or survey courses not acceptable. Online/virtual laboratories NOT accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Chemistry II

Two semesters or three quarters are required. Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation and specified for science majors. Introductory or survey courses not acceptable. Online/virtual laboratories NOT accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

English Composition / Writing

If your institution does not offer an English Composition course please contact the Admissions Office and be prepared to submit a course syllabus for review. Course must appear in our Prerequisite Database as approved.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Composition• English Composition I• English Composition II• Technical Writing• Writing

Physics I

Two semesters or three quarters required. Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation. Introductory or survey courses not acceptable. Online/virtual laboratories NOT accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Physics II

Two semesters or three quarters required. Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation. Introductory or survey courses not acceptable. Online/virtual laboratories NOT accepted. Coursework older than 7 years not accepted.

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

Physiology

Course must have been completed no more than 7 years prior to matriculation. Must be taken from the anatomy, physiology, A&P, biology or zoology departments. Combined anatomy & physiology courses will be considered only if a combined course sequence (2 semesters or 3 quarters) in anatomy & physiology is completed. Online laboratories NOT accepted. Coursework older than 7 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: Exercise Physiology • A&P: Human • A&P: Mammalian • A&P: Neuroanatomy • A&P: Neurophysiology • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses • A&P: Vertebrate

Psychology

Two courses required. At least one must be from the psychology department. Abnormal and/or Developmental courses are highly recommended. 1 of 2 psychology courses required.

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

Two courses required. At least one must be from the psychology department. Abnormal and/or Developmental courses are highly recommended. 2 of 2 psychology courses required.

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

Statistics

Prefer from math or statistics department. Syllabus required for courses taken out of any department other than math or statistics and if not listed in our acceptable course database.

Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology: Biostatistics • Mathematics: Statistics • Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/09/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Nov 02 2020
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Other
Important dates	<p>* November 2, 2020 is the firm deadline for acceptance of any application for the Fall 2021 entering class.</p> <p>* The PTCAS COMPLETE Date MUST indicate a date of November 2, 2020 or before.</p> <p>* This means that the PTCAS must be e-submitted to and RECEIVED by PTCAS, transcripts and recommendations must be RECEIVED by PTCAS, supplemental application and prerequisite worksheet must be RECEIVED by the Admissions Office on or before November 2, 2020 at the times specified on the respective websites.</p> <p><i>* Application materials received after the times specified on November 2, 2020 by PTCAS and/or the Admissions Office will be deemed late and the application will no longer be eligible for consideration. *</i></p>

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