



Program Information

Program Name	Colorado Mesa University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

Per CAPTE: This program has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE - 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). 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.

Program Description	<p>Located in the beautiful Grand Valley of Western Colorado, the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Colorado Mesa University is a 2.5 year (105 credit) program that plans to accept its inaugural cohort during the Fall of 2023. A mandatory orientation for all matriculating students will take place on Friday August 18 of 2023. The academic program (including clinical education) consists of 8 consecutive semesters with graduation in May of 2026.</p> <p>The program commences with basic science coursework (e.g. Anatomy, Histology, Physiology, Kinesiology) progresses to clinical sciences (e.g. Musculoskeletal, Neurologic, Cardiovascular & Pulmonary, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, etc.) all the while being complemented by a myriad of specialty courses (e.g. Imaging, Pharmacology, Pathology, etc.). Anatomy will be taught using traditional (cadaver) and modern (virtual reality) modalities. Students will have the opportunity to learn from a talented group of core faculty augmented by local community experts. Class sizes will be small (1st cohort = 20; 2nd cohort = 22; 3rd cohort and beyond = 24) ensuring a personalized approach. Most faculty teaching clinical content remain engaged in clinical practice to ensure you are learning from clinician-academicians. Woven throughout the curriculum are a series of Professional Practice courses designed to address topics ranging from documentation, ethics, professionalism, the psychosocial aspects of healthcare, business and law among others. Additionally, during the curriculum, students will take two Research classes (EBM & Applied Statistics). These research classes will establish the foundation for two Capstone courses where students will ask and answer a Clinically Relevant Question most often in the form of a Clinically Appraised Topic (CAT).</p> <p>The program includes 34 weeks of clinical education spread over 4 separate full-time rotations. Rotations are 6, 8, 8 & 12 weeks in duration. Rotations will be take place in a variety of settings where the art and science of physical therapy is practiced.</p> <p>The program is housed in the newly constructed St. Mary's Medical Education Center (MEC). In addition to Physical Therapy, the Occupational Therapy program and Physician Assistant programs are housed in the MEC. Other allied health programs on campus include Athletic Training, Nursing and Radiologic Sciences making interdisciplinary learning opportunities abundant.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree and be eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE). Collectively, the program aims to provide a high-quality, cost conscious education. For the 2023-24 academic year, in-state tuition will be \$515/credit hour while out-of-state tuition will be \$772.50/credit hour.</p> <p>We welcome you to contact us to learn more about this very special place we call home.</p>
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Program Information

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
Institution's Religious Affiliation	None
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	No
Additional information about interviews	All applicants are required to complete the 'Snapshot' video interview as part of the Altus/Casper assessment.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$1,000
Additional Information about Deposit	*The deposit will be applied to the first-year tuition and fees.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Additional Information about Refunds	*Deposits will only be refunded if the program does NOT receive affirmation from CAPTE to enroll students in the Fall of 2023. *Instructions for payment will be provided with the acceptance letter.
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$61134
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$88171
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	20
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	0
Additional information about the class profile	Program gives slight preference to Colorado Mesa University graduates and Colorado residents particularly those who are from and intend to stay on the Western Slope after graduation.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	Yes
Supplemental fee amount	\$50
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	Yes
Description of supplemental materials required	The \$50 CMU Graduate Application Fee is required and is non-refundable. Applications will not be reviewed until your \$50 CMU Graduate Application Fee has been paid. Click on link to be directed to site to pay CMU Graduate Application fee: https://secure.touchnet.com/C21035_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=127&clearPreview=true All applicants are REQUIRED to complete and pay for the Altus Suite as part of their application for the 2022/2023 admissions cycle. To complete Altus Suite visit TakeAltus.com to create an account and register to complete the following assessments: Casper: 100-120 minute online, open-response situational judgment test Snapshot: 15-minute one-way video interview with standardized questions The final day for Colorado Mesa University applicants to take the Casper test and complete Snapshot is 03/14/2023.
Supplemental forms and materials required by program - item 1	Altus Suite (Casper Assessment and Snapshot Video Response) https://takealtus.com
Document upload requirements	If accepted into the program the student will receive direction from the program staff as to how to provide supplemental materials (e.g. residency forms, immunization records, etc.).
Is GRE Required?	No
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 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 are required to apply to Colorado Mesa University's DPT program. *One letter must be from a practicing physical therapist. *One letter must be from a college-level academic or professor. *The third recommendation should be completed by either another PT, an academic or professional reference. *Personal letters of recommendation will not be accepted.
Information about your PT requirements	It is strongly recommended that observation occurs in more than one domain (i.e. not solely in outpatient orthopedics). We feel this is important to ensure the applicant has gained a broad sense of physical therapy practice. Observation hours should be completed by the time the applicant submits their application.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are required - no verification of hours is required
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	40
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements

Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.0
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.0
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	*The highest grade earned in a repeated course to meet the prerequisite will be used in calculation. *When two or more candidates are equivalent in GPA performance, the candidate who has not repeated a course will be more competitive for a seat in the class. *When calculating overall GPA, all recorded grades will be included in the average. *Grades of C- and below are not accepted in any course that is intended to meet a prerequisite.
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?	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	Per FSBPT recommendations, minimum scores on TOEFL subsections that we accept on one attempt are as follows: Reading - 22 Listening - 21 Writing - 22 Speaking - 24 TOEFL scores are considered valid for only two years. The scores must be valid at the time you submit your application.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	*No more than two prerequisite courses may be outstanding at the time of the application. *Students may be admitted conditionally and must successfully complete all outstanding requirements by May 31, 2023, to meet the conditions of acceptance. *For students who appear seemingly equal academically, preference will be given to the student who has completed all prerequisite coursework at the time of the application.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Yes

Anatomy & Physiology I

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

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4

Acceptable Courses

- 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 I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Recommended

Credits SH: 4

Acceptable Courses

- Biology: Advanced
- Biology: Cell
- Biology: Embryology
- Biology: General
- Biology: General I
- Biology: General II
- Biology: Genetics
- Biology: Histology
- Biology: Immunology
- Biology: Microbiology
- Biology: Molecular

Biology II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Recommended

Credits SH: 4

Acceptable Courses

- Biology: Advanced
- Biology: Cell
- Biology: Embryology
- Biology: General
- Biology: General II
- Biology: Genetics
- Biology: Histology
- Biology: Immunology
- Biology: Microbiology
- Biology: Molecular

Chemistry I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

GEN CHEM I is the preferred course. A lab is required. Intro to Chemistry does not meet this standard.

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4

Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry I
- Chemistry: Advanced
- Chemistry: Biochemistry
- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

GEN CHEM II is the preferred course. A lab is required.

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

Physics I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

The first semester of a sequence in General or College Physics I with lab (required). Algebra or calculus-based courses sequences are acceptable.

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

Physics II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

General Physics II with Lab (required) is the preferred course (either Algebra or Calculus based are acceptable).

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

Psychology

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
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: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports

Statistics

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
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	08/21/2023
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	March 1, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	The DPT Program uses rolling admissions. The admissions committee reviews completed applications in the order in which they are received. Once notified of provisional acceptance, applicants must send their deposit to reserve a space in the entering class. The cohort for the 2023-2024 year will be capped at 20 students.

Program Contacts

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