



Department of Physical Therapy *Admissions Requirements*

Admissions Process

Admission to the Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU) Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT) is competitive and dependent upon the completion of a baccalaureate degree and all pre-requisite course work from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater. In addition, candidates must earn a 3.0 GPA or greater in the courses listed below. At the time of application, applicants must be able to report grades from a minimum of 25 credits from these courses and have completed all required courses with a "C" or better in order to receive an interview for the professional program. Competition will be based on prerequisite and overall grade point averages, GRE scores, references, and interview.

| PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS |
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| One course in anatomy with lab* |
| One course in physiology with lab* |
| *Or a two course sequence in anatomy and physiology with lab |
| Two courses in biological sciences (not botany) |
| Two courses in general chemistry with lab |
| Two courses in general physics with lab |
| One course in psychology |
| One course in statistics |



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ADDITIONAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Procedure

The WJU DPT program participates in the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Applicants applying to the entry-level doctor of physical therapy program will apply online using the PTCAS application.

To learn more about the PTCAS application process or to submit your application, please visit the PTCAS web site at www.ptcas.org. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact PTCAS.

You will be asked by PTCAS to submit the following information:

1. Completed Application and Application Fee
2. Transcripts
3. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) the WJU PT Department Code is 7819. Scores will be considered in the admission process.
4. Three letters of recommendation. Please follow instructions on PTCAS regarding required references.
5. Direct observation of physical therapists working in a variety of settings is recommended. A minimum of 80 documented hours verified by a physical therapist is required for application.
6. Students whose native language is not English are required to submit a TOEFL paper-based score of at least 600, TOEFL computer-based score of at least 250, or a TOEFL web-based score of at least 100.

The Physical Therapy Program utilizes a rolling admissions process and applicants will be considered until our class is filled. However, in order to be considered for our on-campus interviews in January, applications must be received and verified by PTCAS by the soft deadline of December 1.

The WJU DPT program begins in May with a six-week online term consisting of four courses. Classes will begin on campus in late August of each year. Applications will be reviewed on their individual merit. Applicants will be notified in writing of full acceptance into the program, placement on a waiting list, or rejection within a month of their interview date.



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Interview Process

The interview is a required, scored admissions activity used to evaluate the verbal/nonverbal communication, the understanding of the profession of physical therapy, and group interaction skills of the student. These are important abilities in the Problem-Based Learning professional program. References are another method used to determine a student's preparation for the graduate physical therapy program.

Baccalaureate academic majors to consider

While there is no specific undergraduate major required for entrance into the professional graduate program, some majors may be more appropriate for entry than others:

- Psychology: A major in Psychology prepares students well in dealing and coping with the process of adjusting to illness or injury.
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics: These constitute the fundamental coursework and will establish a link to other foundation sciences in the Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum.
- Health Science Degrees: Other healthcare professions; such as, Respiratory Therapy, Athletic Training, and Nursing provide a good knowledge base for the development of clinical reasoning skills.

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