

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC

Thomas J. Long School of
Pharmacy & Health Sciences

2010

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR
PHYSICAL THERAPY ADMISSION
Graduate School**

Office of Graduate Studies
Attn: DPT Admissions
University of the Pacific
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Stockton, California 95211
(209) 946-2765 or (209) 946-7639
www.pacific.edu/pharmacy/dpt

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT) PROGRAM

The attached supplemental forms are for admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Pacific is participating in the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). PTCAS is an information clearinghouse which transmits to a physical therapy school the biographical and academic data required by admissions committees, thereby relieving the applicant of the burden of completing multiple and repetitious individual applications. Students applying to Pacific's DPT program must submit the application to PTCAS and submit the supplemental application to Pacific.

Your PTCAS application should include:

1. PTCAS Web-based Application form (www.ptcas.org), comprised of biographical data, post secondary institutions attended, academic course history, work experience, extracurricular activities, and essays.
2. PTCAS Application Fee.
3. Official transcripts from all U.S. postsecondary institutions attended.
4. Foreign Transcript Evaluation report for all courses taken at foreign institutions, which are not Study Abroad courses (if applicable).
5. TOEFL scores (if applicable).
6. Three recommendations: one must be from an academic instructor from a school you have attended and one must be from a physical therapist. **Recommendations must be on PTCAS forms.**

Your supplemental application to Pacific should include:

1. Supplemental application (www.pacific.edu/pharmacy/dpt) comprised of additional biographical data, prerequisite coursework, and work experience. Please neatly print type your responses to all questions on the application form.
2. Pacific's Supplemental Application Fee (\$50.00). This non-refundable processing fee should be mailed with the supplemental application and is waived for students currently enrolled at the University of the Pacific. Make your check payable to the "University of the Pacific".
2. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) sent directly from the testing board to the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of the Pacific (Institution Code 4065).
3. Documentation of experience in a PT setting (either PTCAS forms signed by a PT or letters on official facility letterhead). This documentation is required but does not need to be received in order for the application to be considered complete.
4. Original foreign transcripts for undergraduate and graduate courses which are not Study Abroad courses. See "Special Instructions for International Students" for details.
5. International applicants: See "Special instructions for International Students" for additional information which must be supplied.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

PTCAS and supplemental applications are available online on August 1. The deadline for both applications and all supplemental materials is November 16, 2009.

IMPORTANT!! All supporting documents for PTCAS and the Pacific Supplemental Application must be received by November 16 to be considered complete. Please note in order to meet the deadline, PTCAS must receive all documents by 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (that's 8:59 pm Pacific time). Pacific must receive all documents by 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Applicants are reminded that transcripts and recommendations frequently take weeks, or even months to obtain. Pacific regrets that we cannot extend the deadline for students whose documents are delayed due to backlog or mishandling by the recommenders or schools. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed. Please note the non-refundable \$50.00 application fee is a processing fee and does not guarantee the review of your application if your documents are received after the deadline.

INTERVIEWS

Applicants will be notified by phone if they qualify for an interview. On-site interviews are required. Interviews are normally conducted on Fridays in late January and February. Travel arrangements for on-campus interviews are the responsibility of the student. Admissions offers are made within two to four weeks of the interview.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants who are applying for financial aid must complete, by March 2, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

HONOR CODE

Established in 1958, the Honor Code is intended to maintain and preserve the high standards of personal character and ethical behavior vital in academic pursuits. The success of the Honor Code is made possible only with the acceptance and cooperation of every student. We fully expect that every University student will join with us in maintaining the principle and the tradition of the Code in all aspects of college life.

Applicants for admission to the University are asked to recognize the responsibilities of the Code and to accept its principles. Submitting an application to the University indicates that you agree to uphold the principles of the Code. For more information, please see Tiger Lore and the Physical Therapy Student Handbook.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Students; If you are an international applicant, that is, neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States, you must meet the regular physical therapy admission requirements of the Graduate School as well as the requirements listed below.

1. Certification of Finances: This should be an official bank letter verifying you have enough funding to cover the total cost of attendance for at least one year. A completed Certification of Finances form and all supporting documents must be submitted. It must be completely filled out. Your file is not complete and an admission decision will not be made without this information.
2. You must request an official transcript of academic work from each college or university you have attended as either an undergraduate or a graduate student and official verification of degree awarded. These must be submitted in an envelope sealed by the institution. Unofficial copies of academic records are not acceptable. True copies of academic records from other countries will be accepted only if, after the copies have been made, they have been personally signed, stamped, and sealed in an official envelope by a governmental or educational official who certifies that they are exact copies of original documents. A translation should accompany documents in languages other than English. Please note that no action will be taken on an application unless all academic records are certified or official. **Also, please note that an evaluation from a qualified evaluation services must be sent to the Graduate School (not to PTCAS).**
3. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all international applicants whose native language is not English. The TOEFL is not required of applicants who have received a bachelor's degree from a United States college or university.
4. Awards, scholastic honors, scholarship and other recognition should be listed in the PTCAS application. Do not send originals or copies.
5. Please use your family name and your given name in all correspondence.

The University of the Pacific accepts applications from international students, including those residing outside of the United States. Travel arrangements for on-campus interviews are the responsibility of the student.

STUDENTS WITH PREVIOUS STUDY OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Candidates who have completed postsecondary study outside of the United States (whether or not they are U.S. citizens or permanent residents) must send a foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS **and** original foreign transcripts to the University of the Pacific. See Point #2, "Special Instructions for International Students" for details regarding original foreign transcripts. At any time during the review process, University of the Pacific reserves the right to request original documents, course descriptions, and any other information pertinent to verifying the accuracy of your educational background. Pacific reserves the right to reject an evaluation completed by ECE and to evaluate international documents in our office. Students will not pay an evaluation fee to Pacific if this situation occurs.

GRE AND TOEFL TESTS

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) tests are administered by the Educational Testing Services (ETS). For information bulletins, test preparation material, test dates, test places, and applications, contact ETS directly. GRE, general: GRE/ETS, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000; 1-609-771-7670; www.gre.org
TOEFL: TOEFL/TSE Services, P.O. Box 6154, Princeton, NJ 08541-6154; 1-609-771-7100; www.toefl.org

NON-DISCRIMINATION

University of the Pacific does not discriminate in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions, scholarships, loans, athletics or other University activities or programs on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, handicap, sexual orientation or preference, sex or age. This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1971, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and amendments and other laws, orders, and regulations governing discrimination. University of the Pacific has designated the Director of Human Resources to coordinate the

University's efforts to comply with laws, orders, and regulations governing discrimination. Any person having a complaint should contact, in writing, the Director of Human Resources, University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95211.

SPECIAL NOTE

Please note that the Ethnic Origin question is entirely optional. Your response or failure to respond is NOT a factor in the admission process. The University will use the information obtained through this question only for the compilation of statistics for the U.S. Department of Education and similar agencies or for its own statistical, demographic profile of the student body. If you chose not to answer, please check that option.

Be sure to check the box at the end of the application to certify that all the information you have given is complete and accurate.

All applications become the property of the University of the Pacific and will not be returned or forwarded to another institution. Only the Dean of the Graduate School, or the Graduate Recruitment and Admission Director has the authority to admit or deny admission. Statements about admission, either expressed or implied (verbal or written) from any other sources, are not official and will not be honored.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the application process or about other aspects of graduate study at Pacific, please contact the Graduate School at (209) 946-2765 or (209) 946-7639, email graduatestudies@pacific.edu or refer to www.pacific.edu/graduate.

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PTCAS ID Number (required) _____

Are you applying as an international student? ___Yes ___No

This application is for fall semester _____ (year)

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name _____

Last (Family)

First

Middle

List other name(s) that may appear on academic records _____

Social Security # _____ Male () Female () Date of Birth _____

(month/day/year)

(Please indicate your student ID# if you are a past or present University of the Pacific student or employee)

Pacific Student I.D. # _____ E-Mail Address _____

All correspondence will be sent to your mailing address.

Permanent address _____

Number and Street

(Apt. #)

_____ Telephone _____

City

State/Country

Zip/Postal Code

(include Area Code)

Mailing Address (until ____/____/____) _____

(month/day/year)

Number and Street

(Apt. #)

_____ Telephone (Home) _____

City

State/Country

Zip/Postal Code

(Work) _____

Please designate a person to be notified in case of emergency: (Cell) _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

If you have previously sought admission to the University of the Pacific, indicate the semester, program, and degree or credential for which you applied _____

Please list any other family members who have attended the University of the Pacific (name, relationship, and dates of attendance):

Ethnic Origin () African-American

() Caucasian/White

(Optional) () Asian-American (country of family's origin) _____

() Pacific Islander

() Asian (Indian Subcontinent) (country) _____

() Asian (not American)

() American-Indian/AK Native (tribal affil.) _____

() Filipino

() Hispanic, Latino (country) _____

() Mexican-American, Chicano

() Multi-racial (specify) _____

() Choose Not to Answer

() Other (specify) _____

Permanent residents – applicants that have permanent resident status should send a copy of their alien registration card to the Office of Graduate Studies. Certification of Finances form is not required.

Standardized Tests: Indicate if you have taken or plan to take any of the following tests, indicate the month and year:

GRE (General) _____ International Students Only) TOEFL _____

Date you requested scores to be sent to the University of the Pacific _____

Please give the names and phone numbers of three people whom you have asked to write letters of recommendation in support of this application. One of these should be from an academic instructor and one should be from a physical therapist.

Name	Title/Duties	Email Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Where/how did you hear about the University of the Pacific? (Check all that apply.)

Current Student Graduate and Professional Day Where? _____

Alumni Professional Meeting Where? _____

Peterson's Guide College/Career Counselor _____

Peterson's Website Other (Please specify) _____

University of the Pacific website

General Physics

8 semester/12 quarter credits minimum (A standard two-semester course sequence or the quarter system equivalent. All courses must include laboratory.)

Course	No. of Credits	Grade	Date	Date	Institution

Psychology:

6 semester/9 quarter credits. (Must include a course in abnormal psychology.)

Dept & No.	Title	Sem.	Qtr.	Completed	To be Completed

Statistics

3 semester/4-5 quarter credits.

Exercise Physiology

3 semester/4-5 quarter credits minimum. (Introduction to the study of human physiological responses and adaptations resulting from muscular activity, including demonstration and measurement of basic physiological responses that occur with exercise.)

Medical Terminology

1-2 semester/2-3 quarter credits minimum. (A basic course in bioscientific terminology, analyzing the Latin and Greek elements in scientific English.)

Prerequisite experience in physical therapy practice setting(s):

Please list previous experience working, volunteering or observing in the field of physical therapy.¹ Minimum requirement is 50 hours, including at least 25 hours in acute care, in-hospital setting.

Name/Organization	Location	Position	From/To	Total hours to date	Hours pending

Final Instructions:

Please check the following to verify that the supplemental application is complete and all required materials are being submitted.

I have submitted a request to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send my official test GRE scores(s) to the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of the Pacific (Institution Code 4065).

I am sending documentation of physical therapy experience to the Office of Graduate Studies. NOTE: applications can be considered complete before this documentation has been received.

I am sending original foreign transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies (if applicable).

I am sending the official Certification of Finances form and all supporting documents to the Office of Graduate Studies. (international applicants only)

I have read all instructions and understand what must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies.

By submitting this application, I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and that I have not received academic units from any institutions other than those listed. Furthermore, I have included all attempted prerequisite coursework on the Prerequisite Worksheet, even if the grade received was below a "C" or the course was retaken and the original grade was replaced. I understand that making false and fraudulent statements within this application could result in denial or revocation of admission, disciplinary action, and invalidation of units or degrees earned. Should there be any change in the substance of the information I have given here, I will immediately notify the Graduate School of the University of the Pacific.

I have read the above paragraph and certify that it is true. (Check the box)

Name of applicant _____

Date _____

¹ Experience in a PT setting must be documented using a PTCAS form signed by a physical therapists or in a letter from the facility on official letterhead or stationary. Documentation is required but does not need to be received before the application to be considered complete.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions about Physical Therapy

1. How can I learn more about physical therapy?

Read information on the American Physical Therapy Association website (www.apta.org), arrange to speak with a physical therapist in your area and spend time volunteering (or working as a physical therapy aide) in a physical therapy setting.

2. My GPA is low but I really want to be a physical therapist. What do you recommend?

Several things: Try to get A's in your prerequisite courses. Call different PT schools and, in addition to getting information about the GPA cut-offs, ask if exceptions are ever made to allow a student with a GPA lower than the cut-off to be admitted to the program. Be sure to call PT programs which offer masters degrees as well as those programs which offer doctoral degrees.

3. What scholarships are available to support physical therapy education?

Information is available on the APTA website (www.apta.org).

General Questions about the University of the Pacific's DPT Program

1. How can I learn more about the program?

Access www.pacific.edu/pharmacy/dpt to learn about the program.

2. What degree is offered after completion of the program?

A doctorate in physical therapy (DPT)

3. How long is the program?

The program is 25 months long.

4. How much does it cost to attend Pacific's DPT program?

Request an updated cost sheet by emailing PTAdmissions@pacific.edu.

5. How many students apply and how many do you accept?

During the 2008/09 academic year (Graduating Class of 2010), about 200 individuals applied to the DPT program at the University of the Pacific. Our class size is 36 students.

6. Is it possible for me to come and see the campus and talk with an advisor?

You may make an appointment to attend an informational meeting and tour the PT Department by emailing PTAdmissions@pacific.edu.

University of the Pacific Admission Questions

1. How do I apply to the DPT program?

You must apply through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS; www.ptcas.org). In addition, you must submit a University of the Pacific Supplemental Application (<http://web.pacific.edu/x19259.xml>) directly to the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of the Pacific. Please visit PTCAS for application deadlines.

2. What are the admissions criteria?

Admissions criteria and cut-offs may change from year to year. During 2008/09 the following cut-offs were used to help determine which applicants were invited to an interview: overall GPA 3.0, GRE-analytic writing 3.5. and no C- or lower grades in prerequisite courses.

3. Do my science courses meet the prerequisite requirements?

The following prerequisites are required for our program:

Prerequisite Courses:
_____ General Biology with lab or Cell Biology (4 semester credits/5-6 quarter hours minimum)
_____ Human Anatomy with lab (4 semester credits/5-6 quarter hours minimum. Vertebrate anatomy is acceptable.)
_____ Human Physiology with lab (or 2 semesters of Anatomy & Physiology course) (4 semester credits/5-6 quarter hours minimum. Animal physiology is acceptable.)
_____ General Chemistry with lab (8 semester credits/12 quarter hours minimum). A standard full-year course.
_____ General Physics with lab (8 semester credits/12 quarter hours minimum). A standard full-year course.
_____ Abnormal Psychology plus one other Psychology course (6 semester credits/9 quarter hours minimum)
_____ Statistics (3 semester credits/4-5 quarter credits minimum)
_____ Exercise Physiology (3 semester credits/4-5 quarter hours minimum)
_____ Medical Terminology (1-3 semester credits/2-4 quarter hours minimum)

If you have any questions regarding the prerequisite courses you have taken please contact the PT admissions office: PTAdmissions@pacific.edu.

4. Can an on-line medical terminology course satisfy the prerequisite requirement?

Yes. If you are unsure of the medical terminology course you have or will take, please mail a request for approval to: PTAdmissions@pacific.edu. Generally, on-line medical terminology courses which are taken for credit at accredited colleges or universities are acceptable as long as the applicant has received a grade of C or better. Once the course is completed, applicants will need to obtain official transcripts verifying that this course has been taken. Courses offered by companies providing continuing education are usually not acceptable.

5. Where can I take exercise physiology?

We recommend that you search course catalogues from colleges and universities close to your location. It is preferable to take an exercise physiology course which includes laboratory experiences. Please note that online exercise physiology courses are not acceptable.

6. Can you explain what PT volunteer experience is required?

We require applicants to have a total of at least 50 hours experience in a PT setting. At least 25 hours must be spent working with inpatients in an acute care, hospital setting.

7. *When should I take the GRE exam?*

We recommend that the GRE be taken by August 1 by applicants wishing to apply for the following year. The GRE is required for the PT CAS application so you need to take the GRE with enough time to get the results to PT CAS so it can be included in your application file.

8. *My GRE exam score is low so I am going to take it again. How do you assess multiple GRE exam scores?*

We use the highest GRE scores.

9. *I have taken courses on a semester system and on a quarter system. How do I convert from semester credits to quarter credits so that I might calculate my science GPA?*

A 3 semester unit course is the equivalent of a 4.5 quarter unit course. To convert from quarter to semester units, multiply quarter units by 0.67. To convert from semester to quarter units, multiply semester units by 1.5.

10. *I am having trouble getting volunteer experience in an acute care setting. Do you know who I might contact?*

Call your local hospital and ask to speak with someone in the Department of Rehabilitation or Department of Physical Therapy.

11. *Who should write my letters of recommendation?*

One letter must be from a college instructor, one letter must be from a physical therapist, and the third letter is from an individual of your choosing.

12. *I have submitted my application and am hoping to be invited for an interview. When are the interviews and when will I hear if I am invited? What happens during the interview?*

Screening of applications will begin in late Fall. Interviews will usually be scheduled on Fridays in January and February. Occasionally a few interviews are scheduled in March. Interview invitations will be made by telephone, usually beginning in December. The interview lasts two hours. Applicants will have an opportunity to speak with current students as well as the program chair. Each applicant will have an individual interview by an interview committee. Tours of the University of the Pacific campus will be provided as well.

13. *Should I send the letters which verify my experience in a PT setting with my supplemental application?*

No. They should be sent to PTCAS as part of the primary application.

14. *Do I have to complete all prerequisite courses before submitting my application?*

No. All prerequisite courses must be completed before the first day of orientation in August.

15. *How do I apply?*

Two applications must be completed. The primary application is completed through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) by accessing www.ptcas.org. The University of the Pacific Supplemental Application is completed by accessing <http://web.pacific.edu/x19259.xml>.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

COST INFORMATION FOR THE 2008-2010 ACADEMIC YEARS

(Costs are based on estimates and are subject to change)

Costs for the First Year of Study

Cost of tuition and course fees (\$15,115 each for the Fall, Winter and Spring terms) for 2008-2009	\$45,345.00
<u>Fees</u>	
Lab/Clinic	375.00
Cowell Wellness Center Fee	360.00
Medical Insurance *	
ASUOP \$200 (optional for graduate students)	
Estimated cost of food and housing	13,536.00
Estimated cost of books and supplies	2,349.00
Estimated amount for personal expenses and transportation	<u>4,704.00</u>
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES	\$66,669.00

Estimated Costs for the Second Year of Study (based on academic year 2008/09)

Cost of tuition and course fees (\$15,115 each for the Fall, Winter and Spring terms) for 2009-2010	\$45,345.00
<u>Fees</u>	
Lab/Clinic	375.00
Cowell Wellness Center Fee	360.00
Medical Insurance *	
ASUOP \$200 (optional for graduate students)	
Estimated cost of food and housing	13,536.00
Estimated cost of books and supplies	2,349.00
Estimated amount for personal expenses and transportation	<u>4,704.00</u>
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES	\$66,669.00

*The University requires that students taking 9 or more units have medical insurance. Students that have their own insurance may file a waiver with the Wellness Center. For those who need medical insurance, the Wellness Center provides information. Please contact the Wellness Center at (209) 946-2027.

Note: Because of the unique configuration of the Pacific DPT program, students may be eligible for three years of financial aid. Financial aid years are divided as follows: Year 1: Fall 2008 and Winter 2009; Year 2: Spring and Fall 2009; Year 3: Winter and Spring 2010. Please contact the Financial Aid Office (209-946-2421) for details.

Bills are payable on a semester basis. Prior to registration, students should have on deposit in the Financial Center an amount equal to their estimated semester charges, less confirmation deposits and any financial aid awarded. The University reserves the right to modify its charges as necessary without prior notice.