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**Admissions to Master of Physical Therapy Graduate Program**

The program admission process begins a year prior to planned entry into the Physical Therapy Program.

Admission to the university for postbaccalaureate students occurs in two phases: admission to the university and admission to the Division of Graduate Studies for Physical Therapy. Acceptance to the university does not guarantee admission to graduate studies. Only those students who are admitted to both the university and to graduate studies as physical therapy graduate students will be granted graduate student standing in the M.P.T. program. (Review *Graduate Studies* section in this catalog for graduate admissions).

Students with a bachelor's degree are eligible for unclassified postbaccalaureate status while completing prerequisite coursework.

**Physical Therapy Applications are available:** July 1

**Physical Therapy Application Filing Period:** October 1 through November 30

A complete application includes an information application, an official transcript from each institution attended including previous spring and summer terms, observation verification, and letters of reference. Late transcripts or documentation will result in not being considered. Follow program application instructions.

The screening committee reviews the following admission criteria:

1. Complete all prerequisites as listed. The applicant must have completed or must be currently enrolled in the following lower-division courses at time of application. All lower-division courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to admission to the program.

**Lower division****Anatomy**

Fresno State: PHYAN 64, 65  
 Transfer: Human anatomy with lab and human physiology with lab

**Chemistry**

Fresno State: CHEM 3A, 3B or CHEM 1A, 1B  
 Transfer: Inorganic and organic or biochemistry with labs

**Psychology**

Fresno State: PSYCH 10  
 Transfer: General psychology

**Physics**

Fresno State: PHYS 2A, 2B  
 Transfer: Physics with lab including mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity

**Statistics**

Fresno State: H S 92  
 Transfer: Introduction to basic statistics

**Upper division**

PSYCH 166 (Abnormal Psychology)  
 PSYCH 169 (Psychology of Disability)  
 PHYAN 130 (Neuroanatomy)  
 PHYAN 140 (Neurophysiology)

2. Only upper-division prerequisite courses may be completed during the spring term prior to admission to the program. It is highly recommended that the students complete Neuroanatomy (PHYAN 130) and Neurophysiology (PHYAN 140) prior to admission to the program. Outstanding applicants may be considered for admission with PHYAN 130 and 140 pending with the condition that they must be completed with a C or better during the first year of the program.
3. A grade of C or better in each prerequisite and a total prerequisite GPA of 3.0 is required. An overall GPA of 2.5 on the last 60 units completed is required. CR/NC grades, correspondence courses or independent study courses cannot be

used for prerequisite requirements. Only those prerequisite courses completed by the end of the fall semester in which application is made will be counted toward ranking of candidates for selection into the major.

4. Provide evidence of knowledge of physical therapy through employment, volunteer work, or observation in a physical therapy department for a minimum of 100 hours. Fifty hours must be in a general acute care setting; 50 hours may be in a special area of practice. All observation hours must be under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
5. Participate in a personal interview.
6. Final transcripts from institutions other than Fresno State must be submitted as soon as grades are posted. Request transcripts prior to the end of the term.

Meeting the foregoing criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the major.

Students transferring from community colleges and other colleges or universities who meet the foregoing criteria are considered on the same basis as California State University, Fresno students applying for admission to the major.

For department application or admission information, write to the following address and enclose a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope:

**Admissions:**

**Department of Physical Therapy**  
**College of Health and Human Services**  
**California State University, Fresno**  
**2345 E. San Ramon Ave. M/S MH29**  
**Fresno, CA 93740-8031**