

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Application Process for the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) Degree

If you have not yet completed an undergraduate degree, you must complete a bachelor's degree at CSULB or other accredited undergraduate institution before you can apply to the program. Acceptance to the program is on a competitive basis.

Undergraduates Seeking the Bachelors Degree at CSULB

- A CSULB bachelor's degree in Biology, option in Physiology will best serve your academic needs as most lower division and many upper division *foundational science prerequisite courses are included in the degree. In addition, the rigor of the major matches that of the physical therapy curriculum. The Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology, option in Exercise Science at CSULB also includes many of the prerequisite courses in the degree and offers other coursework beneficial to the pre-physical therapy program student. If you choose a degree option other than Physiology or Exercise Science, you will need to take units beyond the basic requirements for a bachelor's degree to complete all of the prerequisites for the MPT program. Undergraduates taking upper division pre-requisite foundational science * courses should earn at least a "B" in each course.

Graduates with Bachelor's Degrees from Institutions Other Than CSULB

- If you have earned a bachelor's degree from an institution other than CSULB, you must complete all lower division prerequisite courses before applying to the Graduate School and the Physical Therapy Program. You may take these lower division prerequisites at a junior college. Once you have fulfilled all physical therapy program lower division prerequisite courses with at least a "C" in every course, you should simultaneously apply to the University and to the Department of Physical Therapy for admission to the program.
- When you are admitted both by the University and the program, you are considered a "conditionally classified" student. After completing the *foundational science courses with either a grade of "B" in each course or a 3.0 average in all * courses within one year of admission, and earning an overall Graduate GPA of 3.0, you become a "classified" Graduate student and begin the professional program.

Application Process for all students

- Applicants must simultaneously apply to the Department and to the University.
- To apply to the Department of Physical Therapy, submit an application through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) at www.ptcas.org between July 15 and January 15 for admission the following fall semester. You must also send an official copy of the GRE, adult CPR certification and a health statement from a physician directly to the department.
- To apply to the University, complete a *CSU Post baccalaureate and Graduate Admissions Form* available on line at www.csumentor.edu or through the University's Office of Enrollment Services (562-985-5471). Applicants must meet the minimal requirements for admission to graduate studies at California State University. 6/09