

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY-TRANSITION PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

This is a **SELF-ASSEMBLED APPLICATION PACKET**, which requires that the applicant collect all application materials and then send or hand deliver in one **complete** packet to:

Office of Student Affairs
College of Health Sciences
University of Kentucky
900 South Limestone
111 CTW Building
Lexington, KY 40536-0200

Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to the above address. Office of Student Affairs personnel will process them and the Physical Therapy faculty will review the application packet and make selections based on the criteria listed below.

APPLICATION PACKET (Should be completed and downloaded from the web site and include the following)

CONTENTS: Doctor of Physical Therapy- Transition Program Application (Form A), and application instructions **If requesting a hard copy of the packet, it will include all needed material and instructions.**

DEADLINE: The deadline for application is October 15. If your application packet is received and is incomplete it will not be considered regardless of the date submitted, so please follow the instructions below. All application packets should be complete and assembled as instructed on the last page of the PT application instructions and received or be post marked by October 15.

APPLICATIONS

PT Application- All applicants must submit this application with a \$100.00 PT (Form A) application fee (non-refundable). Your check should be made payable to: *University of Kentucky - College of Health Sciences*, write on memo line: *Doctor of Physical Therapy- Transitional/Your Social Security #.*

UK Application - Since the UK Physical Therapy Program is now a Clinical Doctorate program, it is considered a professional program by the University. For this reason, there is no need to make application to the University Undergraduate or Graduate schools. The PT application to the College of Health Sciences is the only application that must be submitted.

Letter of Application- All applicants are required to write a formal letter of application stating your reasons for choosing the Doctor of Physical Therapy-Transition Program for your career development. The letter must also include your post-professional education and work experience in the physical therapy profession, including a description of your participation in providing clinical education, classroom and/or laboratory instruction, or other education to PT or PTA students, and examples of recognition such as awards, fellowships, and honors. Also, please indicate if you are a member of the APTA and involved in any committees or if you are an officer. **(Limit:**

two pages, double-spaced, 10-12 point font)

TRANSCRIPTS/DOCUMENTATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

UK PT Program Graduates with a Master's Degree in PT:

UK Physical Therapy Program Graduates do not need to provide transcripts. UK PT Program Graduates with course work at other colleges/universities (post professional only) must submit one "official" transcript for each school attended. This will be kept in the Office of Student Affairs which requires an "official" transcript from schools other than UK.

Non UK Graduates with a Master's Degree in PT:

Your DPT-Transition application must include **one official (original) transcript** from all universities/colleges that you have **ever** attended. Courses and grades from one school printed on another college's transcripts **are not acceptable!**

Physical Therapists with a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate in PT (including those with a Master's degree in disciplines other than PT):

Physical therapists who graduated from an accredited Physical Therapy Education program with a Bachelor's degree or Certificate must submit 1 transcript from each college/university they attended including the institution from which they received their PT degree or certification. Applicants who received their Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky prior to 1990 must also supply copies of all transcripts. Those who graduated after 1990 need only supply the transcripts from college courses taken after graduating from UK if taken at another college. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree in PT must also complete the Physical Therapist Evaluation Tool- American Physical Therapy Association (PTET). This instrument is designed to assign a score based on one's professional experience and includes review of a professional portfolio and scoring of a Tasks Performed module. UK Faculty will use the PTET evaluation to determine if the applicant must complete any program courses to be eligible for the DPT-transition curriculum. Please note that the APTA requires 6-8 weeks to process the results of the PTET. We recommend that you send UK all other application materials with a letter stating the date you have taken the PTET. The APTA will send the results to UK at your request. You may access information about the PTET at:

<http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Search&template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=21193>

PROOF OF LICENSURE:

Each applicant must submit a copy of their current U.S. physical therapist license.

REQUIRED WORK EXPERIENCE AS A PT:

All applicants should have completed at least 9 months of clinical experience prior to the completion of the first semester of the transitional DPT curriculum.

NOTIFICATION:

The Office of Student Affairs personnel will notify you of receipt of the application and its status. To expedite notification, include your e-mail address on the application form and check your e-mail often to avoid delays in processing your application.

QUESTIONS: Call the Office of Student Affairs at (859) 323-1100 extension 8-0473.

There are two Curricular Models available to complete the program.

DPT- TRANSITION CURRICULAR MODELS:

Model 1 Spring Semester: PT 902 Integration of Evidence Based Practice (3 credits)
(1 yr format) May Term (4 week): PT 904 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (2 credits)
Summer Semester: PT 906 Advanced PT Diagnosis and Screening (2 credits)

Fall Semester: PT 908 Clinical Decision Making for the Complex Patient I (3 credits)
PT 910 Clinical Decision Making for the Complex Patient II (2 credits)
Spring Semester: PT 912 Advanced Elective (2 credits)

Complete program in 1 year and 1 semester

Model 2 Spring Semester: PT 902 Integration of Evidence Based Practice
(2 yr. format) May Term (4 week): no class
Summer Semester: PT 906 Advanced PT Diagnosis and Screening

Fall Semester: PT 908 Clinical Decision Making for the Complex Patient I

Spring Semester: No class

May Term: PT 904 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Summer Semester: No class

Fall Semester: PT 910 Clinical Decision Making for the Complex Patient II

Spring Semester: PT 912 Advanced Elective

Complete program in 2 years and 1 semester

Note: in Model 2, the only courses that must be taken in sequence are PT 902 (first) and PT 908 prior to PT 910.

APPLICATION DECISION CRITERIA:

Applications should be sent to the Office of Student Affairs as soon as they can be completed. In order to maintain a high quality of educational content and integrity, the program will be limited to approximately 30 students per year. Priority for acceptance will be based on the following criteria listed in alphabetical order:

1. Date the complete application is received in the Office of Student Affairs
2. Graduate of the UK Physical Therapy Program
3. Participation in classroom or laboratory physical therapy education
4. Participation in Clinical Education as a CI or CCCE
5. Participation in professional continuing education classes
6. Previous DPT-Transition application
7. Professional organization membership and participation
8. Score on the PTET (for applicants with a baccalaureate degree in PT)

Applicants will be chosen by the admissions committee based on the above criteria. Applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance status within 3 weeks of the application deadline. Please include an email address to expedite this notification. The number of students accepted is limited by time, space and availability of faculty. The number of students to be accepted will vary year to year based on the number of students who choose the 1 year or 2 year model for completion of the program.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS and CHECKLIST

I. DPT- Transition Program Application Packet (Please include this checklist):

ALL THESE MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED AT ONE TIME IN ONE PACKET. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS WILL BE MADE BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OR THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM, NOT THE APPLICANT.

- PT. Professional application (Form A) and \$100.00 fee
- Letter of application
- Transcript(s) if needed
- PTET score and documentation (required only of those without a Master's Degree in PT)
- Copy of US Physical Therapy License
- Documentation of APTA membership and participation (if applicable)
- Resume or Curriculum Vita including continuing education courses attended, participation in PT clinical or classroom education, and professional memberships.

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