Texas Woman’s University: School of Physical Therapy

The School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University (TWU) offers a program leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The program requires 8 semesters of full-time graduate study (beyond a baccalaureate degree) over 33 months and is offered on both the Dallas and Houston campuses. Students begin with the fall semester (late August) each year. Upon completing the DPT program, a licensure exam is required to practice.

New Application Deadline Information:

September 1, 2013 for early consideration for fall 2014
All application materials must be received by September 1st including GRE scores (GRE scores take 3 weeks to be received.) Your file can be forwarded to the committee upon receiving two recommendation forms but decisions will not be made until all 3 recommendation forms have been received. Offers for the early acceptance will be made by October 31, 2013. Applications not receiving an offer could be placed in the pool for the second round of consideration.

November 1, 2013 is the final deadline for consideration for fall 2014. All materials must be received by that date including GRE scores (GRE scores take 3 weeks to be received.)

The ideal time to apply for the DPT Entry-level Professional Program is July through September (a year in advance). Please allow sufficient time for processing your application. Application materials need to be post marked by November 1st.

Course Requirements (Prerequisites)

- **Two semesters of chemistry with laboratory (8 credits)**
  - Not accepted is chemistry for non-science majors
  - We recommend CHEM 121 & 122 with lab. CHEM 151 & 152 with lab are also accepted.

- **Two semesters of algebra based physics with laboratory (8 credits)**
  - Not accepted is Physics for non-science majors
  - We recommend PHYS 125 & 126 with lab. PHYS 101 & 102 are also accepted

- **Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with laboratory (8 credits)**
  - We recommend KINE 300, KINE 301, KINE 321, KINE 323, & KINE 351.

- One semester of college **algebra**
  - Speak with advisor about meeting this requirement.

- Six hours of psychology (excluding statistics) (6 credits)
  - We recommend PSYC 101 and one of the following: PSYC 202, PSYC 203, or PSYC 321.

- A course in **medical terminology**
  - We recommend HEAL 132 (if offered) or a medical terminology course at HCC

**NOTE:** The PT School will NOT accept labs taken online. It is imperative to have dissection and other lab experiences to prepare yourself for cadaver dissection lab in the DPT.

**Highly Recommended Coursework:**
- Statistics
- Exercise Physiology
- Advanced Physiology
- Neuro anatomy/physiology
Required Observation, Volunteer or Work Experience
(minimum total of 80 hours) at least 2 differently owned facilities

- Each recommendation requires a minimum of 40 hours of observation

The purpose for this requirement is so that applicants to the professional physical therapy program have an opportunity to expose themselves to the profession in order to make a more informed decision about choosing this profession for their career.

Physical therapy is practiced in many different environments and therapists participate in the management of many different conditions and illnesses within each of these. So that applicants can be optimally informed about this as a professional career, they should learn as much about the profession as they can by direct contact with therapists in practice. This can be achieved through observation, volunteer or work experience in at least two physical therapy environments. Applicants are encouraged to interact with the therapists and learn about this profession and issues facing it (both good and bad). Applicants should have time in both in-patient and out-patient environments.

Having more hours with a variety of environments will be considered favorably, as it implies the applicant has made a greater effort to explore this profession in making their career choice.

Suggested therapy environments include (but are not limited to):

- Acute care hospitals
- Long term acute care facilities (LTAC’s)
- Out-patient clinics (orthopedic, neurologic, pediatric)
- Rehabilitation facilities (in-patient or out-patient)
- Extended care facilities (nursing homes, elder day care centers where PT is practiced)
- Home health
- Aquatic therapy centers

From the therapist contacts they make at these facilities (minimum 20 hours), applicants should recruit at least two therapists, each from a different physical therapy environment, to complete an Applicant Recommendation Form. Normally, these recommendations would come from two (2) separate facilities; however, an exception may be made for an applicant submitting recommendation forms from two different therapists in different physical therapy environments of a (larger) comprehensive care facility. For instance, a larger hospital may have a separate cohort of therapists working in out-patient and in-patient units; or it may have an area designated as a long-term care or rehabilitation unit, with its separate cohort of physical therapists. An applicant submitting both physical therapist recommendation forms from the same facility must verify that they meet the above criteria.

A third recommendation is also required, but this may come from another therapist at a third facility or therapy environment, or from a professor, employer or supervisor, who may not be a physical therapist.
GPA/GRE Test Score Information

TWU accepts 50 students at our Dallas campus and 50 students at our Houston campus each year. We received over 620 applications for the program this year. Our program is highly competitive. The Physical Therapy Admissions committee begins the review process in September. A select number of applicants will be notified soon after application materials are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The majority of the class will be chosen by the end of January. Accepted Students are notified by phone, email and also by mail. Once the classes are full, applicants may be placed on the alternate list. Alternates will be notified by mail by the end of January. Each campus could have over 60 alternates and many will not receive an offer. If an applicant reapplyes the following year, the committee expects to see an improvement in the file.

Averages of the accepted Students

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Scores to aim for on the new GRE
Verbal 154
Quantitative 154
Analytical 4.5 or above

New State Mandated Immunization Requirement

Effective January 1, 2012, State of Texas law requires that all new and transfer college students must receive a vaccination or booster against bacterial meningitis. This applies to both undergraduate and graduate students. Students who were previously enrolled at TWU but not enrolled during the Fall or Spring term before beginning graduate school are also required to receive the vaccination to enroll for Fall 2012. For more detailed information on this requirement, please visit Student Health Services' Meningitis Vaccination page.

Houston Campus: 713-794-2070

Visit TWU’s website for more information at: http://www.twu.edu/physical-therapy/