

# Physical Therapy Advising Worksheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ G#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status: \_\_\_ High School \_\_\_ GVSU Student \_\_\_ Prospective Student \_\_\_\_\_

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### Application Criteria ~

- ✓ Application deadline is: **October 15<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ Substantial completion of prerequisite coursework (outlined below). Students in process of completing this requirement must submit a written plan of completion (include course name, number, semester, credit hours, and university) with application
- ✓ Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 overall & 3.0 average in prerequisite courses
- ✓ The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score
- ✓ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- ✓ Minimum of 50 hours of volunteer, work, and/or observational experiences in PT documented on abbreviated resume form. Additional education, professional, leadership, scholarly, and volunteer activities are valued and should be documented on this form as well (abbreviated resume form available on PT website)
- ✓ Two recommendations; one from a physical therapist both must be on university forms
- ✓ 1-2 page essay describing goals, aspirations, and reasons for pursuing a PT career
- ✓ On-site interview and essay writing (invitation only)
- ✓ Must meet all technical standards as indicated on PT website

Prerequisite Courses	Status	Course/School	Year	Grade	Credits
<b>BIO 120</b> General Biology I (prerequisites: CHM 109 or 115)					
<b>BMS 208</b> Human Anatomy (prerequisites: BIO 120 or BMS 202)					
<b>BMS 309</b> Human Anatomy Lab (B- or better in BMS 208)					
<b>BMS 290/291</b> Human Physiology & Lab (BMS 208 & 2 semesters of CHM)					
<b>MOV 304</b> Physiology of Activity (BMS 202 or BMS 290/291)					
<b>MTH 122 &amp; 123 or MTH 201</b> College algebra and trigonometry or calculus					
<b>PHY 220/221</b> Sequential Physics Courses w/ Lab (MTH 122 & 123)					
<b>PSY 101</b> Introduction to Psychology					
<b>PSY 364</b> Life Span Developmental Psychology (PSY 101)					
<b>SOC 201 or SOC 280 or ANT 204</b> Introductory sociology, social problems or cultural anthropology					
<b>STA 215</b> Introductory Applied Statistics (MTH 110)					

## Program Admission Requirements

- ✓ Completion of a Bachelor's degree and prerequisite coursework by the first day of class of the professional program
- ✓ Completion of GVSU's Graduate Application
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended POST high school must be submitted. Students must have a minimum average G.P.A. of 3.0 in prerequisite coursework, and a 3.0 overall
- ✓ Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required. Students must take the GRE general test and writing test to be considered for admission. No subject tests are required for the GRE.
- ✓ Essay is required. Students must submit a 1-2 page essay which covers the student's goals, aspirations and reasons for pursuing this career.
- ✓ On-site interview and essay writing. Communication and interpersonal skills are important components of the application process. Students who meet select admission criteria will be invited to the interview process.
- ✓ Two recommendations must be submitted on PT Recommendation form available online or through the university. One must be from a licensed physical therapist.
- ✓ A minimum of 50 hours of observational experience in physical therapy (2 or more settings) is required. The experience may be on a volunteer or paid basis. This information must be submitted on the PT Abbreviated Resume form available online or through the university. Students are not required to submit documentation from their respective observational experiences.
- ✓ *Additional activities.* Additional educational, professional, leadership, scholarly and volunteer activities are valued and must be documented on the PT Abbreviated Resume form.
- ✓ *Technical standards.* Individuals must be able to perform all technical standards of the physical therapy program. These standards are outlined on the PT website: [www.gvsu.edu/pt](http://www.gvsu.edu/pt).
- ✓ *International student applicants* - Students should be able to communicate well in English. The following minimal scores are expected: TOEFL 610 or computer-based TOEFL 253.

ALL application materials must be submitted to the GVSU Admissions Office **no later than October 15**. Applications that arrive AFTER October 15 will not be reviewed or considered for admission. It is the student's responsibility to contact GVSU's Admissions Office, 616-331-2025 to confirm that all application materials have been submitted.

**Freshman:** High school seniors, interested in physical therapy, must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). During the freshman year, these students can begin their pre-professional courses and determine a major. It should be noted that physical therapy is not an undergraduate major but rather students select a major and take PT prerequisite courses during their undergraduate studies.

**Transfers:** Transfer students should review with their home institution academic advisor and a GVSU College of Health Professions pre-physical therapy advisor, the courses that will satisfy Grand Valley State University and PT prerequisite requirements. At the time of transfer, all baccalaureate degree-seeking transfer students (from community or four-year colleges) must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). Upon acceptance, these students should consult immediately with an academic advisor in their major as well as a pre-physical therapy advisor in the College of Health Professions at 616-331-3356. We strongly encourage students to transfer mid-sophomore year to ensure successful completion of Grand Valley State University's major, PT prerequisite and general education requirements.

**Non degree-seeking:** Students from other institutions, who only wish to complete physical therapy prerequisite coursework at Grand Valley State University, may apply by completing the 'non-degree-seeking graduate application' if they have a bachelor's degree or the 'non-degree seeking undergraduate' application if they wish to take GVSU courses while in process of obtaining a bachelor's degree elsewhere. Contact the Office of Admissions at (616) 331-2025 for further information.

**Physical Therapy applicants:** The Graduate Applications for the physical therapy program may be obtained from the Admissions Office of Grand Valley State University. Upon return of the completed [graduate application](#), the Admissions Office will mail supplementary materials including [recommendation](#) and [resume](#) forms. Students DO NOT NEED TO WAIT for the supplementary materials because these materials are available to download on line. For first consideration for admission, the supplementary materials and graduate application must be returned to the GVSU Admissions Office by October 15. The incoming cohort will begin classes in August of the following year.

**ALL application materials must be submitted to:**

**Admissions Office  
Grand Valley State University  
1 Campus Drive  
Allendale, MI 49401-9403**

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