

Doctorate of Physical Therapy Fact Sheet

Physical therapists (PTs) provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients with injuries or disease. PTs work closely with patients and clients to restore, maintain, and promote their overall fitness and wellness for healthier and more active lifestyles.

Choosing a Major

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in any major.
- Popular majors include, Allied Health Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Exercise Science, Biology, and Chemistry.

Competitive Applicant Qualities

- Competitive GPA above a 3.50
- GRE scores above a 152 for each section with a writing score at 4 or above
- Licensed PT job shadow & work/volunteer hours in PT
- Excellent letters of recommendations/evaluations/rubrics

Common Prerequisites for Doctorate of Physical Therapy programs

(Prerequisites most often require a "C" or better grade)

Grand Valley State University <i>(course numbers refer to GVSU classes)</i>	Other programs require and/or recommend the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell & Molecular Biology (<i>BIO 120</i>) • Anatomy & Physiology I (<i>BMS 250</i>) or Human Anatomy & Lab (<i>BMS 208 & 309</i>) • Anatomy & Physiology II (<i>BMS 251</i>) or Human Physiology & Lab (<i>BMS 290 & 291</i>) • Exercise Physiology (<i>MOV 304</i>) • Math (<i>MTH 122, MTH 123 or MTH 201</i>) • Sociology/Anthropology (<i>SOC 101, SOC 105 or ANT 204</i>) • Physics (<i>PHY 220 & PHY 221</i>) • Psychology (<i>PSY 101</i>) • Life Span Development (<i>PSY 364</i>) • Applied Statistics (<i>STA 215</i>) • Two semesters of chemistry w/ labs 	Medical Terminology (<i>AHS 100</i>) General Chemistry (<i>CHM 109 or CHM 115 & 116</i>) Abnormal Psychology Writing Course – Second level Current First Aid/CPR

Please note that prerequisites vary by school and they may or may not accept AP, IB, Dantes/DSST, CLEP or community college credit for prerequisites. Research to make sure that you have met the prerequisites or competencies for the schools to which you intend to apply. Meet with an advisor to discuss your specific academic plan.

Application Cycle...The PT application cycle opens early July and runs through March of the following year. Many programs use PTCAS to process their applications. Verify the application method with your desired program well in advance. Application due dates vary.

GPA...Each program will identify which GPA's will be used as part of the admission process; AP credits, and "W" grades are typically not computed into your GPA and "W" grades as professional schools expect students to carry a consistent, full-time course load.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)... Most programs require the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). GRE scores should be sent either to PTCAS or directly to the schools. Scores should be less than 5 years old. For GRE information go to www.ets.org

Professional Experience...Job shadow with a licensed PT and volunteer/work/shadow in a physical therapy setting is typically required.

Recommendations/Evaluations... Many programs require evaluations/recommendations. There are several different types and each program will identify how many and what type of recommendations they require on their webpage and/or in PTCAS.

AP, CLEP, IB, Dantes Credit... Not all professional schools will accept this type of credit for science courses. If a school accepts this type of credit they may require additional courses in that subject area

Application/admission requirements for professional schools vary.

Research each program of interest to determine the exact requirements needed for application/admission.

Students interested in the **GVSU program** should schedule an appointment with a College of Health Professions advisor.

Michigan Physical Therapy Programs

Valid 2018/19

	Andrews University	Central Michigan University	Grand Valley State University	Oakland University	U of M - Flint	Wayne State University
2018 Application Deadline	11/01/18	10/01/18	10/15/18	10/15/18	10/15/18	10/15/18
Program Start Date	late August	mid May	late August	first of September	early September	late August
Rolling Admission	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Number Accepted	40	60	60	36	60	36
PTCAS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Security Deposit	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$250	\$500	\$500
Minimum GPA	3.20	3.00	3.20	3.00	3.0 overall	3.00
Average GPA	3.58	3.67	3.83	3.70	3.64	3.57
GRE Score	Minimal Q & V each 142 3.0 on writing	Required	Average V = 154 Average Q = 153 Average W = 4.0	Average V = 151 Average Q = 152 Average W = 4.0	Average V = 152 Average Q = 153	Average V = 150 Average Q = 151 Average W = 4.0
Experience	80 hours in min. 2 settings Min. 20 hours in an acute-care inpatient setting	50 hours in two professional settings	50 hours	Not required but highly recommended and considered	30 hours required 75 hours recommended	Not required but highly recommended
Supplemental Application	None	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Supplemental Application Fee	None	\$50	\$30	None	\$55	None
Recommendations	3 recommendations: 1 professor who taught the student, 1 PT, 1 choice	2 recommendations: 1 PT, 1 academic professor in major	2 recommendations: 1 PT, 1 choice	2 recommendations: 1 PT, 1 choice	2 recommendations: 1 PT, 1 choice	2 recommendations: 1 PT, 1 choice
Interview Process	Yes; invitation only	Yes; invitation only	None	None	None	Yes; invitation only
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*This guide provides an outline to be used as a resource, however, it is recommended to follow up with the schools for current information and program specific requirements .
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