



WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A) PTCAS APPLICATION FORM WITH ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED **(REQUIRED)**

- Electronically submitted on or before **NOVEMBER 1 deadline**
- Application must be in **COMPLETE** status (not received or verified) by November 1, 2025
- No applications or supporting documents will be accepted after the deadline.

B) PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- Applicants are to designate a course on their PTCAS application for each prerequisite requirement.
- All courses designated on PTCAS to satisfy our prerequisites must be listed as approved in the PrerequisiteDatabase.
- List all prerequisite courses you have taken, are currently taking, or plan to take to on your PTCASapplication.
- Prerequisite course work may be in progress at the time of application to PTCAS. **NOTE:** Only **one science prerequisite**, and **one non-science prerequisite** course may be in progress **beyond December 31** and **must be completed by the end of the spring semester or quarter (or June 15th at the latest)**.
- Courses in progress for completion of a bachelor's degree must also be completed by the end of the spring semester or quarter of the planned matriculation year. Summer courses prior to matriculation will not be accepted.

C) REPEATED COURSES

- All repeated courses must be designated as repeated on your PTCAS application (even if repeated at another institution)
- Include both prerequisite and non-prerequisite coursework. Upon verification by WesternU admissions, repeated courses will be excluded from the overall and prerequisite GPAs calculated.
- Answer the question on the PTCAS regarding repeated coursework
- Complete Repeated Coursework form directly from our website

D) APPLICATION AGREEMENT PAGE

- **Do not** submit the hard copy of this page. For your review only.

E) GRE or Casper Assessment (Encouraged)

- GRE scores can be submitted to PTCAS
- Details regarding the Casper can be found at <https://acuityinsights.app/>. Scores sent directly to WesternU

F) RECOMMENDATION FORMS **(REQUIRED)**

- Part of the PTCAS application and submitted to our office along with your PTCAS application.
- Do not submit hard copies to the Admissions Office unless requested to do so.
- **Of the three required, one is from a Physical Therapist, one is from a college instructor/professor, and the final one must be from either a second licensed Physical Therapist or second college instructor/professor. No exceptions.**

G) TRANSCRIPTS (REQUIRED)

- A complete set of official transcripts (in sealed, original envelopes) are to be **RECEIVED** from **all** colleges or universities attended **BY PTCAS BY THE NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE**.
- Applicant must have received a grade of "C" (or equivalent) or higher in all prerequisites to be considered (**A grade of "C-" is not acceptable**).
- Applicants must have earned an overall GPA greater than or equal to a 3.00 at the time of application. This GPA must be maintained through matriculation into the program
- All courses must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. Education
- Courses completed outside of the U.S. (including Canada) must be evaluated by World Education Services. The course-by-course evaluation must be received by PTCAS on or before November 1, 2025.

A NOTE REGARDING COURSE WORK IN PROGRESS

Fall transcripts are to be sent to PTCAS during the academic update period. Final transcripts and/or final grades (including degree verification) for all course work in progress must be received **by July 1, 2026**.

Interviews are required. Prospective applicants are also encouraged to attend one of our on-campus DPT Information Sessions offered throughout the year at our Pomona, California campus. Please consult our web site at www.westernu.edu or contact the Admissions Office for upcoming dates.

By submitting the application and supporting application materials, you are agreeing that you have read and understand the requirements for application indicated above. Failure to provide the required documents by the deadline specified will result in the rejection of your application for the Fall 2026 entering class. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required materials are received by the deadline specified. Any questions are to be directed to the designated admissions counselor by e-mail