



### Contact Information

Applicants must use up-to-date application materials to ensure that all current admission requirements are met. Download current forms at <http://www.css.edu/Admissions/Graduate-Studies/Transitional-Doctor-of-Physical-Therapy/Admissions.html> or contact the Office of Online Admissions at (866) 870-6550 or email [cssonline@css.edu](mailto:cssonline@css.edu) for new forms

For information regarding Financial Aid, call (800) 447-5444, ext. 2260, and identify yourself as a graduate applicant.

For information regarding other payment options, call (800) 447-5444, ext 6134, and identify yourself as a graduate applicant.

### Admission Requirements

The Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will consider applicants who:

- Submit a completed Graduate Admissions Application form.
- Submit all official transcripts of baccalaureate and graduate coursework.
- Provide proof of graduation from an accredited entry-level bachelor's or master's degree physical therapy program. (Official transcript satisfies this requirement)
- Provide proof of licensure (unrestricted) to practice physical therapy in the United States. A copy of the license or access to the Web site of the appropriate state's licensing bureau will suffice.
- Submit a current resume.
- Show evidence of employment equivalent to one year, full time (2,080 hours) as a licensed physical therapist. A letter of reference from the potential student's supervisor (on official letterhead) verifying the work history, present job description and suitability for doctoral work, is to be sent to the Office of Online Admissions.
- Submit a completed Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy essay.
- Submit two Graduate Recommendation forms from healthcare professionals who have observed your work.

**Note:** Meeting minimal entrance requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission. Exceptions to minimal criteria may be made at the discretion of the admissions committee.

### International Applicants: Additional Admission Requirements

All applications must be received no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of the starting term. Students will be notified in writing of their admissions status as soon as possible after the committee review.

An international applicant is any candidate who is not a:

- U.S. citizen.
- U.S. permanent resident alien.
- Permanent resident of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

In addition to the program requirements, international applicants must:

- Have a required English language translation or all transcripts, including transcript grading system.
- Submit a TOEFL examination or the Michigan Test score, which is required of all international applicants and applicants whose primary language is not English. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test or 79-80 on the internet-based test is required. A minimum Michigan Test score of 80 is required.
- Submit a completed International Student Finance Statement form with current bank statement(s) showing evidence of adequate funds to cover one year's tuition.
- Make a minimum deposit of U.S. \$500. Without this deposit, the Immigration and Naturalization Form I-20A cannot be completed and the international applicant cannot enter the United States.
- Submit an affidavit of support (INS Form I-134) for students with U.S. sponsors.
- Present the applicant's passport and/or current visa in addition to the I-94 card (for applicants already in the United States).
- Submit documentation of enrollment in a current private or national health insurance plan or enrollment in a St. Scholastica health insurance plan.
- Submit proof of current immunization for tetanus, diphtheria, and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella).
- Have a required English language evaluation when the applicant's primary language is not English.

**Note:** Upon acceptance, international applicants will need to provide information concerning marital status and children in order to complete the INS-I210 form.

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**U.S. Permanent  
Resident Alien**

- U.S. permanent resident alien applicants must:
- Present an official notarized copy of green card.
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**Priority  
Consideration**

The deadline for priority consideration for fall term is August 1, spring term is December 1 and summer term is April 15. Review of completed application files will continue until all open seats for the program are filled.

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**Application  
Checklist**

Complete the Following steps to be considered for acceptance into the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Review of completed application files will continue until all open seats for the program are filled.

- Step 1: Submit your completed Graduate Admissions Application.
- Step 2: Request all official transcripts from colleges and universities previously attended, including prerequisites, be sent to The College of St. Scholastica.
- Step 3: Submit a completed Computer Competency form.
- Step 4: Submit a completed Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Essay with your application.
- Step 5: Submit two Graduate Recommendations from individuals who have observed and evaluated your leadership competencies and abilities. At least one recommendation should be from a Physical Therapist.
- Step 6: Discuss financing your education with the Office of Financial Aid early in the application process by calling (800) 447-5444, ext. 2260.
- Step 7: Submit TOEFL or Michigan Test score report (required of all international applicants and all applicants whose primary language is not English).
- Step 8: International applicants must complete the additional admission requirements as listed in this application packet. For further information, please contact the Office of Online Admissions at (866) 870-6550.
- Step 9: Upon completion of the application process, a decision regarding your acceptance will be made.

***Return application materials to:***

***The College of St. Scholastica  
Office of Online Admissions  
1200 Kenwood Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55811-4199***