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**Contact  
Information**

Applicants must use up-to-date application materials to ensure that all current admission requirements are met. Download current forms at <http://grad.css.edu> or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (866) 478-9277 or e-mail [gradstudies@css.edu](mailto:gradstudies@css.edu) for new forms.

For information regarding Financial Aid, call (1-800) 447-5444, ext. 7027, and identify yourself as a graduate applicant.

For information regarding other payment options, call (1-800) 447-5444, ext. 6134, and identify yourself as a graduate applicant.

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**Admission  
Requirements**

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program will consider applicants who:

- Submit a completed Graduate Admissions Application form and nonrefundable fee of U.S. \$50.  
*Effective March 15, 2007, when you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to either use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. For inquiries, please call The College of St. Scholastica Business Office at (800) 447-5444 or (218) 723-6092. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account the same day you make your payment and you will not receive the check back from your financial institution.*
- Have completed one full year of chemistry prior to application. (Students who have not met this requirement may request a waiver by submitting a written letter.)
- Have completed the prerequisite requirements prior to beginning the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.
- Submit all official transcripts of baccalaureate and graduate coursework.
- Have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all coursework.
- Submit official score for the GRE general test. A minimum score of 870 in the verbal and quantitative sections combined and 3.5 in the written analytical section is required. Preferred scores are 400 in the verbal and 500 in the quantitative sections or 1000 combined, and 4.0 in the written analytical section.
- Submit a completed Doctor of Physical Therapy Field Exploration form. A minimum of two explorations are required.
- Submit a complete Doctor of Physical Therapy Essay.
- Submit two Graduate Recommendation forms, one from a licensed physical therapist.
- Interview with faculty of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee.

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

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**Admission  
Prerequisites**

All coursework must be completed with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or above prior to beginning the program. Specific prerequisites for all applicants that must be completed with a grade of "C" or above are:

- Abnormal Psychology
- Anatomy
- Lifespan Developmental Psychology
- Medical Terminology
- Physiology
- Statistics
- 1 full year (sequence) of Chemistry\*
- 1 full year (sequence) of Physics
- Human Pathophysiology – recommended but not required
- Research Methods – recommended but not required
- Kinesiology – recommended but not required

\* must be completed prior to submission of application to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

**Note:** Prerequisites are changing for students who will be applying to the program starting in the summer of 2010.

## Technical Standards for Admission and Progression

Success in the Physical Therapy Program is dependent on a number of functions deemed essential for the practice of physical therapy. Applicants must meet these essential functions and students must continue to demonstrate compliance with these essential functions throughout the program. Students needing reasonable accommodations to meet these essential functions should notify the Department Chair of their request. Students need to demonstrate the following essential functions throughout the duration of the program:

- Develop, monitor and manage individual patient/client plan of care.
- Perform and interpret physical examinations.
- Perform physical therapy procedures.
- Communicate effectively in oral and written formats.
- Direct and supervise support personnel.
- Maintain professional demeanor.
- Demonstrate problem solving, critical thinking and sound judgment.
- Learn in a wide variety of didactic and clinical settings.

## Physical Critical Demands

Based on an eight-hour work day:

Occasional = 0-33%	Frequent = 34-66%	Continuous = 67-100%
Gross hand coordination		continuous
Fine hand coordination		continuous
Work with therapeutic and adaptive devices		continuous
Carry		frequent
Stand		frequent
Walk		frequent
Reach		frequent
Stoop/squat		frequent
Sit		occasional
Push/pull		occasional
Kneel		occasional
Lift up to 50 pounds		occasional
Firm grip strength		occasional

## Admission Requirements Upon Acceptance

Upon acceptance into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, students will need to:

- Complete a Student Health Screening form, including physical and proof of immunizations.
- Complete a state-mandated criminal background check. Each student must receive a qualified report prior to working with patients in a clinical setting.
- For applicants who do not have a baccalaureate degree, complete 96 semester credits, including 16 upper division credits, prior to enrollment in the Physical Therapy Program.
- Submit official transcripts indicating successful completion of prerequisite classes.

**Note:** *Students who fail to meet the prerequisite requirements stated in their acceptance letter will be withdrawn from the program.*

## Application Deadline

The application deadline is **Nov. 15**. Review of completed application files will be considered until the class is filled.

## International Applicants

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 of 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. The 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. The 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 I-20 form.

## U.S. Permanent Resident Alien

U.S. permanent resident alien applicants must:

- Present an official green card.

## Application Checklist

Complete the following steps by the deadlines to be considered for acceptance into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Review of completed application files will continue until November 15 or until all open seats for the program are filled.

- Step 1: Have completed anatomy, physiology, and one full year of chemistry prior to application.
- Step 2: Submit your completed application form and nonrefundable fee of U.S. \$50.
- Step 3: Submit a complete Doctor of Physical Therapy Essay with your application.
- Step 4: Request all official transcripts from colleges and universities previously attended, including prerequisites, be sent to The College of St. Scholastica.
- Step 5: Submit your official GRE scores.
- Step 6: Submit two Graduate Recommendation forms, one from a licensed physical therapist.
- Step 7: Submit a completed Doctor of Physical Therapy Field Exploration form.
- Step 8: Complete interviews with the Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee.
- Step 9: Have completed the prerequisite requirements prior to beginning the physical therapy courses.
- Step 10: Discuss financing your education with the Office of Financial Aid early in the application process by calling (800) 447-5444, ext.7027.
- Step 11: Submit TOEFL or Michigan Test score report (required of all international applicants and all applicants whose primary language is not English).
- Step 12: International applicants must complete the additional admission requirements as listed in this application packet. For further information, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at (866) 478-9277.
- Step 13: 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 Graduate Admissions,**  
**1200 Kenwood Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811**

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