The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
And
The University of Texas at Arlington

Advancing Physical Therapy
The UTSW/UTA APT Program

Admission Procedures for APT Students

Initial Application Procedures to Enter the APT Program:

The APT program is intended to provide a direct path to admission to the UT Southwestern Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. The University of Texas at Arlington students seeking to enter the APT program may begin the admission process by writing a letter of interest in the program. This letter should include factors influencing their decision to apply to the APT program, career goals in physical therapy, and experience in the health care field, including experience related to physical therapy. In addition, students should obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or other professional who can speak to their abilities and goals. The letter of interest and letter of recommendation should be sent to:

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Associate Professor
229 Maverick Activity Center
Dept. of Kinesiology
jrwilson@uta.edu
(817) 272-3128

UTSW PT Admissions Committee
UTSW Department of Physical Therapy

UTA students selected for the APT program will have the opportunity to work with UT Southwestern faculty and residents as unpaid student assistants and as unpaid technicians in Physical Therapy clinics, to broaden their undergraduate experience and to prepare them for graduate study and a career in Physical Therapy. The internships last from 30 to 40 h. These hours are usually scheduled over the course of one to two weeks so it needs to be done in between school terms. These “internships” are only scheduled during the spring and summer terms at UTSW. So it is best to complete KINE 3315 in Summer or Fall semesters.

The initial letter of application must be submitted as soon as possible following the completion of KINE 3315 with no less than a B. Upon acceptance into the APT program, students will be contacted by a representative from the UTSW Physical Therapy faculty practices.

Students who wish to apply for the APT program need to also meet the requirements to achieve admissions to UT Southwestern Physical Therapy. Prospective APT students must meet the requirements and complete the procedures outlined below.

Specific Requirements for APT Students for Admission to UT Southwestern Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program:

1. **Cumulative GPA of 3.25/4.00** for all college work at UTA and any other college or university that the student has attended.
2. **Prerequisite GPA of 3.60/4.00** for all college work at UTA and any other college or university that the student has attended. All Prerequisite classes must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Prerequisite classes include:

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3. **Last 60 hours GPA of 3.50/4.00**
4. **Kinesiology GPA of 3.60/4.00.**
5. Bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science from UTA
6. Completion of GRE with a minimum score of 300 combined Verbal/Quantitative and 4.0 Analytical Writing)
7. Successful completion of KINE 4388 Clinical Internship at a physical therapy clinic/department approved by UTA and UTSW PT including a recommendation from a supervising physical therapist at the Clinical Internship site indicating that they recommend the student “without reservation” for admission into the UTSW physical therapy program.
8. Successful completion of at least 40 hours internship at UTSW Physical Therapy faculty practices and educational department. Interns will be required to complete applicable UTSW HIPAA training prior to beginning UTSW PT internship.

In addition, UTA students must verify their continued participation in the APT program at the end of their junior year. This will be accomplished by completing a letter of intent to continue in the program, along with expected date of graduation from UTA and entry into the DPT program.

**Final Application Procedures for Admission to the Doctor in Physical Therapy Program:**

While you are completing the APT internship hours you will be directed to begin and try to complete all regular application procedures for admission to UT Southwestern as outlined in the Southwestern School of Health Professions (SSHP) catalogue to confirm early acceptance into the next PT class at UTSW. Up to three students who complete all application procedures by the deadlines specified in the SSHP catalogue and who meet all of the standards set for APT participants as noted above, will be offered admission as “regular students” into the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at UT Southwestern.

If more than three students meet all requirements, then three students will be selected by the UT Southwestern Department of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee based on their total application package. The remaining students will be eligible for admission on a competitive basis with all other students in the applicant pool for that year. Their application package automatically will be placed in the applicant pool and the students will be notified of their admission status at the regular time specified by the Department of Physical Therapy.