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**PREREQUISITE COURSES (39 UNITS)**

The following courses or approved substitutions (taken at CSUN or other accredited college or university) must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in classes. GPA must be 3.0 or above in these courses. Please refer to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for course equivalencies.

<u>CSUN Course</u>	<u>CSUN Units</u>
BIO 101/L General Biology with Lab	3/1
BIO 211 Human Anatomy	2
BIO 212 Lab Studies in Human Anatomy	1
BIO 281 Human Physiology	3
BIO 282 Lab Studies in Human Physiology	1
CHEM 101/L General Chemistry I with Lab	4/1
CHEM 102/L General Chemistry II with Lab	4/1
HSCI 390/L Biostatistics with Lab(any Statistics class)	3/1
PHY 100A/L General Physics with Lab	3/1
PHY 100B/L General Physics with Lab	3/1
PSY 150 Principles of Human Behavior	3
PSY 310 Behavior Disorders (or second psychology class)	3
Prerequisites Total	<u>39</u>

**PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM** Taken once accepted into the MPT Program

**YEAR 1 (31 UNITS)**

PT 300 Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
PT 301/L Applied Anatomy for PTs/Lab	2/2
PT 302/L Applied Physiology for PTs/Lab	3/1
PT 302A Pathophysiology	3
PT 400/L Biomechanics for PT/Lab	3/1
PT 401A/L Therapeutic Procedures 1/Lab	2/1
PT 404 Proseminar: Physical Disability & Illness	3
PT 405/L Applied Neuroscience/Lab	3/1
PT 449/L Introduction to Patient Mgt: Evaluation & Intervention	2/2

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**YEAR 2 + 3 (44 UNITS)**

PT 502/L Evaluation & Treatment of the Pediatric Patient/Lab	2/1
PT 503/L Therapeutic Intervention for Peripheral Dysfunction/Lab	2/2
PT 504/L Therapeutic Intervention for Spinal Dysfunction/Lab	2/2
PT 506A Evidence Based Practice 1	2
PT 506B Evidence Based Practice 2	2
PT 549/L Cardiopulmonary Assessment and Treatment/Lab	2/1
PT 601B Administration & Professional Concepts in PT	3
PT 601E Educational Practices in Physical Therapy	2
PT 601G Geriatric Rehabilitation	2
PT 601T/L Therapeutic Procedures 2/Lab	1/1
PT 603/L Prosthetics, Orthotics, Advanced Gait Analysis/Lab	2/1
PT 604/L Neurologic Physical Therapy 1/Lab	2/2
PT 609/L Neurologic Physical Therapy 2/Lab	2/2
PT 605 Pharmacology/Imaging for PT	2
PT 607 Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy	2
PT 608 Neurological Processes in Development and Aging	2
PT 697 Directed Comprehensive Studies (Comprehensive Exam)	3

**ELECTIVES (2 UNITS)** Select 2 units from the following:

PT 505 Advanced Neuroscience	2
PT 507/L Cardiac Rehabilitation/Lab	1/1
PT 606/L Adv Analytical Anatomy/Lab	2/1
PT 609JB/L Pilates/Lab	2/1
PT 610 Seminar in Adv Orthopedics	2
PT 690DB PT and Adv Therapeutic Exercise	3
PT 690GC Adv Pediatrics	3
PT 690IC International PT	3

**CERTIFICATE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY (10 UNITS)**

PT 509 C,D,E Internship	2/2/4
PT 580 A,B Practicum	1/1

**TOTAL UNITS**

Year 1	31
Year 2 + 3	44
Electives	2
Comprehensive Exam	3
	<u>80</u>
Clinical Affiliations	10
Grand Total	<u>90</u>

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## WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

California State University, Northridge's (CSUN's) Physical Therapy Program is proud of its forty year history of graduating outstanding physical therapists who serve the public in the State of California and throughout the United States.

Physical therapists are licensed medical professionals who provide services aimed at returning to function/enhancing rehabilitation of conditions resulting from injury, disease, and other causes. There are more than 173,000 licensed physical therapists in the US practicing in a variety of settings which include:

- *acute care hospitals*
- *outpatient clinics*
- *inpatient rehabilitation facilities*
- *skilled nursing facilities*
- *homes*
- *educational and research centers*
- *school settings*
- *hospices*
- *industrial & other occupational environments*
- *fitness centers*
- *sports training facilities*

With just a 1.1 percent unemployment rate, physical therapists are now experiencing the best employment conditions since enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

CSUN's Master's of Physical Therapy (MPT) Program has maintained accreditation throughout its history. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education recently awarded CSUN's MPT Program full accreditation through 2013. Acceptance into the MPT Program requires a Bachelor's Degree prior to beginning the first semester of courses. The Bachelor's Degree may be in any field--other than Physical Therapy--and from any accredited college or university, as long as the other CSUN admissions requirements are fulfilled. Students should select and complete a major in which they have an interest and in which they can also make progress in completing the prerequisite courses for the MPT Program. Suggested majors for CSUN undergraduates include Exercise Science and Adapted Physical Education in Kinesiology, Environmental and Occupational Health, or Health Education (Health Sciences).

Please visit our website at <http://www.csun.edu/hhd/pt> for detailed information about the Master's in Physical Therapy, including the list of required prerequisites. New students should plan, if possible, to attend one of the regularly scheduled Group Advisement Sessions before calling or making an appointment with a faculty advisor.

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## GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The curriculum leading to the MPT Degree is a three-year, full-time academic and clinical experience consisting of 6 semesters and 2 summers of 90 graduate units. Faculty are supported by clinicians in over 350 affiliation sites offering students a comprehensive curriculum including didactic instruction, laboratory experience and clinical education. The clinical component consists of 30 weeks of full-time, off-campus clinical internships leading to the "Certificate in Physical Therapy" required for licensure. Admission is once a year in the Fall Semester with forty students accepted. Classes are offered primarily during the day and full-time study is required. In the third year, students choose among courses in Advanced Orthopedics, Advanced neuroscience, International Physical Therapy, Cardiac rehabilitation, Advanced analytical anatomy, or participate in faculty directed research to satisfy 8 units of electives. The *culminating experience* in the final semester is a comprehensive examination designed to prepare students for licensure.

The PT Program is housed in CSUN's Jacaranda Hall and has state-of-the-art labs and equipment including a 3-D Motion Analysis System, a Telemetered EMG System, Force Plate, Biodex, Telemetered O2 System, Dexascan, Balance Master, Equi-Test and Gait-Rite System for research and teaching.

## FACULTY

There are 7 full-time and 8 part-time faculty members. All of the full-time faculty hold post-professional Doctorate's; all are licensed physical therapists. Of the full-time faculty, two are APTA board certified, one as an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist and the other as a Pediatric Clinical Specialist. Two faculty are CA licensed as Kinesiological Electromyographers and another is CA licensed to perform Bone Densitometry Radiography. Faculty to student ratio is approximately 1:12.

## FACULTY ADVISORS

### Last names

### beginning with:

### Faculty Advisor

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## PT CENTER FOR ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE

Newly chartered in 2005, the PT Center supports research, community service and education specific to Physical Therapy. The faculty practice offers specialty areas in Bone Densitometry, Geriatric Rehabilitation, Computerized Motion Analysis, Kinesiological Electromyography (KEMG), Gait Analysis, Orthopedics, Pediatric Examination and Treatment, Developmental Assessment and Balance and Vestibular Rehabilitation. An Advisory Board recommends guidelines that are consistent with the Center's purposes.

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Completion of a Bachelor's Degree--in a field other than Physical Therapy--prior to enrollment in the program
2. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within five years of the time of filing the application. GRE scores must be sent to Admissions and Records and a copy must also be sent directly to the Department of Physical Therapy office. (Institution Code 4707 and Department Code 0619)
3. Completion of a majority of prerequisite courses prior to application. Academic success as reflected by performance in prerequisite courses and undergraduate coursework; a minimum of 3.0 GPA is required in prerequisites
4. Completion of all prerequisite coursework prior to entrance into the MPT program
5. Three letters of Recommendation using the PTCAS recommendation form: one recommendation from a physical therapist is required, two are preferred
6. Relevant experience: a minimum of 100 documented work/volunteer hours is required. Two thirds of documented hours must be under the supervision of a physical therapist. Additional consideration may be given for experience in more than one setting
7. Community service, extracurricular activities, honors, or awards relevant to future success as a physical therapist
8. Admission to CSUN's Graduate School and completion of a separate application to PTCAS as the Department of Physical Therapy application

## SUMMARY OF MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

1. Prerequisite GPA:  $\geq 3.0$  upon application and maintained until entrance into the program
2. Individual prerequisite course grade: 2.0 "C" or higher upon application. *A maximum of 15 units in prerequisite courses may be repeated for the purpose of counting the higher grade*
3. Cumulative undergraduate (UG) GPA:  $\geq 3.0$  upon application and maintained until entrance into the program

## MORE INFORMATION

Please see [www.apta.org/education](http://www.apta.org/education) for a complete description of the profession (benefits, services, education, government affairs, jobs/Career Center, member groups, membership, practice, publications, reimbursement, evidence-based practice).