

DPT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Never too early to start
 - Browse schools' websites and PTCAS to start learning about each and seeing how ones differ
 - Every program is a bit different about pre-reqs, required observation hours, recommendation types accepted, deadlines, etc!
 - Frustrating, but try to stay organized and start looking early at schools you may be interested in... otherwise, your classes could dictate where you apply
 - Very easy to get overwhelmed, but try to stay calm
 - Observe!
 - Keep track of hours in each PT setting and who PT supervisor was
 - Not a bad idea to jot a few notes down when you leave about types of patients and cases seen to jog your memory in the future
 - Keep in mind that some (but not many) schools require a minimum of 30 hours of observation
 - Observe in a variety of different settings including cardiovascular and pulmonary, clinical electrophysiology, geriatrics, neurology, orthopedic, pediatrics, sports, and women's health
 - Contact school's admissions person for specific questions about pre-reqs (calling is better than emailing!)
 - Get to know your professors! Most schools require at least one recommendation from a professor so make sure you form solid relationships early
- PTCAS: Common app – many schools use this now
 - PTCAS website has great info about some basics for each program
 - Coursework: you will need to request transcripts from every school where you've taken classes to send to PTCAS (not each school individually)
 - For PTCAS, you are required to individually enter all of your courses, including their credit hours, grades and what type of class it is. Make sure you request a transcript from your school(s) before you do this. These courses need to be entered in the same order and format in which they are listed on the transcript.
 - Enter observation hours: many schools require an electronic signature from the PT who you shadowed
 - Some schools have supplemental questions on the PTCAS app, some have supplemental apps they send to you after
 - Can add programs later after your original submission
 - Cost: \$120 for the report and \$35 for each additional school
- GRE
 - Don't freak out too much
 - Don't need to pay for a class

- Instead you can buy Kaplan or Princeton Review study guide and any extra supplies (e.g. flashcards) to improve your weak areas
 - Minimum is 500 on each
 - Check out changes that they will be implemented soon
- Courses
 - General courses which are needed for most PT schools:
 - Anatomy & Physiology
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - English
 - Math
 - Physics
 - Psychology
 - Statistics
 - Every school is different!
- Interviews
 - Some programs don't interview
 - You'll receive emails saying your application has been received, is being processed, you are invited to interview
 - Every school is different in how soon they let you know and how long you have to decide whether you want to put down a deposit or not
 - Many schools have rolling admissions: the earlier you apply, the better your chances because they'll make decisions about one interview group before the next one comes to interview
 - Professional attire
 - Be prepared going into the school with knowledge about the program and intelligent questions
- Websites:
 - <http://www.ptcas.org/>
 - <http://www.apta.org/>
 - <http://dukegroups.duke.edu/pre-pt/>
 - <http://forums.studentdoctor.net/forumdisplay.php?f=210>
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