University of Kansas

School of Allied Health

Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science

Post-professional DPT Application Packet

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This packet contains all departmental forms and instructions.
Many of the forms may be filled out on your computer, prior to printing. Making use of this feature can expedite your application by eliminating questions or concerns due to illegible or hard to decipher handwriting.

Please Note:

You must also complete the Graduate School application
(Domestic Degree Seeking Application for Admission)
Located on the School of Allied Health web site at:

http://www.kumc.edu/allied/documents/Domestic_KUMC_DS_app_Aug%202003.pdf

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May 4, 2008

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Post-professional Program for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. You are applying to one of the premier programs in the Midwest. Admission is on an on-going basis. Please review the entire packet and read the instructions carefully before completing the forms.

Our Post-professional Program for the DPT is a graduate program designed to advance the professional training for an individual holding a degree from a physical therapy program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Students may enter the program at the beginning of any semester. The program is designed to provide a strong didactic education in physical therapy; it is not designed to advance clinical hands-on skills. The program includes web-based courses, online discussion groups, and in some cases, weekend classroom sessions.

The University of Kansas Medical Center subscribes to equal opportunity in its programs and activities. Consequently, it prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation and as covered by law, age and veteran status.

Admission to the Transitional Program for the DPT at KUMC is a competitive process. Class size is limited. Applications are available online at http://www.ptrs.kumc.edu. The fee for application is $60. The faculty values an applicant with a strong academic background, and one who has demonstrated his/her clinical abilities as well as his/her personal and professional potential. The applicant must be currently employed as a physical therapist full- or part-time. Please email, call or write Dr. Janice Loudon at the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Consideration of Admission to Post-professional DPT Program

To be considered for admission into the Post-professional DPT Program at KUMC, a student must have:

1. A physical therapy degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or an international equivalent.

2. A current state license to practice physical therapy. A Kansas license is not required.

3. Current full or part time employment as a physical therapist. Many of the courses in the program require access to clinical patient records.

4. Three letters of recommendation completed according to the application guidelines. Two letters of recommendation from practicing physical therapists are suggested.

5. Access and working knowledge to a computer with Internet capability.

NOTE: The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science reserves the right to waive any documentation normally required and to admit a student, or deny admission, whenever it believes it has sufficient information to make the decision.

Post-professional DPT – General Information

Core Required Courses (19 hours)

Review of Pathophysiology and the PT Diagnosis (4)
Case Studies in Pathophysiology (2)
Medical Imaging (3)
Research in Evidence-based Practice (3)
Differential Diagnosis of General Medical Conditions (3)
Ethics in Health Care (3)
Pharmacology (1)

Advanced Core Courses (pick on tract – 6 hours)

Tract 1 – Neurology based:
Control of Human Movement (3)
Evidence-based Rehabilitation of Patients Post CVA (3)

Tract 2 – Orthopedic based:
Applied Musculoskeletal Anatomy (3)
Evidence-based Orthopedic Rehabilitation (3)

Tract 3 – Management based:
Introduction to Management (3)
Advanced Rehabilitation Administration (3)

Elective (3 hours)

Total = 28 hours

Please Note: Recent KUMC MSPT graduates (2000 – 2005) will be given "Advanced Standing" and, if admitted to the Post-professional DPT program within seven years of their graduation date, will only be required to take a total of 18 hours. Please contact the department for more information

Estimated Costs:

Application Fee: $60 (pending Kansas Board of Regents approval)
Tuition: The current tuition for courses in this program is $305.65 per credit hour, which includes the Kansas University E-Learning Fee for Online Courses (currently $65.00), and is the same regardless of residency status.
Other Fees: The University of Kansas also charges every student additional fees. The calculation of these fees is based on the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolling. Please contact the Office of the KUMC Registrar for more information.

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Instructions for Completing the Admission Forms for Post-professional DPT

STEP 1 - Contact agencies that need to send information directly to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences.

a) Arrange to have two official copies of transcripts from each college and university that you have attended sent directly to the department (see address below). Include both undergraduate and graduate records.

STEP 2 - Assemble application packet materials and return them in one package to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

a) Fill out the Application to the Graduate School, The University of Kansas.
b) Enclose a check for $60 payable to "The School of Allied Health" to cover the application fee.
c) Complete a resume as described in the Application for Admission to the Post-professional DPT Program in Physical Therapy and the Personal Essay.
d) At the top of each of the Personal Recommendation forms, print your name and read and sign one of the confidentiality options. Distribute the forms, giving the individuals who are writing the recommendations enough notice to thoughtfully complete the form before you plan to send in your application. Instruct them that after they have completed the recommendation, they should put it in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign over the seal, then return the sealed envelope to you.
e) Self-address and stamp (first-class postage) 3 letter-sized envelopes. **Use the address where you would like us to send you materials.** These will be used to send application correspondence from our office back to you.
f) Collect all materials listed in a-e above, complete the Application Checklist and mail all materials in one package to:

Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
Mail Stop 2002
Post-professional DPT Admissions Committee
University of Kansas Medical Center
3056 Robinson
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

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Application for Admission to the Post-professional DPT Program

Resume
In your resume, please be sure to include the following:

1. education post-high school
2. employment in physical therapy including job title, dates of employment and job responsibilities
3. honors you have received
4. professional publications
5. presentations you have given
6. membership and participation in professional organizations
7. other professional credentials or certification programs completed or in progress
8. continuing education courses attended in the last 2 years

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Personal Essay
Please tell us why you are seeking a Doctor of Physical Therapy and how successful completion of the program will change your practice. Please restrict your answer to five hundred words.

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Personal Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

Confidentiality Options

I request a CONFIDENTIAL recommendation and waive my right to review this form. This means that the person who submits this recommendation knows that I will not be aware of its contents now or at any time in the future.	I request a NON-CONFIDENTIAL recommendation and retain my right to review this form. This means that the person who submits this recommendation knows that I may ask to see this recommendation if I am admitted into the Professional Program in Physical Therapy.
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Date	_____ Date

The applicant MUST sign one of the above options

Instructions to the person completing this recommendation: The person named above is applying to the Professional Program in Physical Therapy at the University of Kansas Medical Center. **On a separate piece of paper (letterhead, if possible)** please: 1) describe your relationship with the candidate; 2) comment on the candidate's ability to communicate (verbally and/or in writing) and his/her interpersonal skills; and 3) address any other qualities this candidate possesses that you believe will enable him/her to be a successful professional.

Person Writing the Recommendation

NAME (Print)_____

NAME (Signature)_____

NAME OF FACILITY/ACADEMIC INSTITUTION _____

YOUR TITLE/POSITION AT INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS (CITY/STATE)_____

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal to ensure confidentiality.

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Application Checklist

Name _____

Please place a check next to each item below to verify that you have addressed the items and/or included them in this application packet. Use the bottom of this page to briefly explain any item that you did not check and return this form with the admission packet.

- ❑ I have requested that 2 official copies of transcripts, from the college or university that I received my physical therapy degree, be sent directly to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

I have compiled the following materials and have included them in this packet:

- ❑ A check for $60 payable to the School of Allied Health.
- ❑ C ompleted Application for Admission to the Graduate School, The University of Kansas. (http://www.kumc.edu/allied/documents/Domestic_KUMC_DS_app_Aug%202003.pdf)
- ❑ Completed Personal Essay.
- ❑ Completed Resume
- ❑ Copy of certificate of physical therapy licensure
- ❑ Three completed, secured and signed Personal Recommendation forms.
- ❑ Two self-addressed, stamped, business sized envelopes. (These will be used to send application correspondence from our office back to you).

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Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Continuation in the Post-professional DPT Program

To be considered a student in the Post-professional DPT Program at KUMC, a student must:

1. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 as designated by the Graduate School.

2. Continue through the program on an active basis. Students must complete at least one course per year based on starting semester. Students who fail to complete one course per year will be removed from the program. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis following a written letter from the student to the DPT committee.

3. Students must complete the program in a five year period based on starting semester.