

CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

I have read and understand the Criteria for Progression to the Professional Physical Therapy Program.

Student Name (Please Print)

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Student Signature

Date

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The following academic standards (including policies for course repetitions) are required of all potential candidates who apply for qualification to the professional phase of the program.

1. An overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better.
2. A minimum grade of "C" AND a GPA of 3.0 or better in the specified science courses listed below:
 - a. General Biology I and II w/ Lab (BIO 111 and BIO 112)
 - b. General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab (CHEM 111 and CHEM 112)
 - c. Human Anatomy and Human Physiology w/ Lab (BIO 310 and BIO 365)
 - d. Physics I and II w/ Lab (PHYS 211 and PHYS 212)
3. A minimum grade of "C" in PRS 185 – Freshman Seminar in Rehabilitative Medicine, PRS 285 - Sophomore Seminar in Rehabilitative Medicine, PSYC 100 – Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 221 – Child & Adolescent Development, and MATH 270 Probability and Statistics.
4. For qualification purposes, transfer coursework will be computed into both the pre-professional science GPA and the overall GPA for application into the professional phase of the program. In calculating the pre-professional science GPA, the transfer grade is accepted, and Lincoln Memorial University's credit and quality point systems are utilized.

COURSE REPETITIONS

1. Any required science course (Item #2a-d above) may be repeated once. Students will be limited to repeating no more than a total of three (3) science courses. When repeating these courses, a grade of "C" or better must be achieved. The count of course repeats includes all required pre-professional science courses taken at Lincoln Memorial University.
2. If a pre-professional course is repeated and a grade of "C" or better is not achieved, the applicant is immediately disqualified from applying to the professional phase of the program.
3. A student who earns a grade below "C" in any science course (Item #2a-d above) taken at Lincoln Memorial University must repeat that course at Lincoln Memorial University.

CLINICAL OBSERVATION

1. Prior to application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, documentation of completion of at least 45 (forty-five) hours of clinical observation exposure is required of all potential candidates through one of the following ways:
 - a. Volunteer work or observation in a Physical Therapy clinic and/or hospital setting under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist
 - b. Employment as a rehab tech or aide in a Physical Therapy clinic and/or hospital
2. At the time of application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, students must submit documentation of these hours to the Physical Therapy Program using the Clinical Observation Form (found on the Program website).

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

At the time of application for qualification to the professional phase of the program, LMU students must submit the following:

1. Three character references (one must be from a Physical Therapist)
2. Personal Statement
3. Resume or CV

APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Application or reapplication for qualification to the professional phase of the program must be made through LMU's DPT Program on or by a date to be announced annually by the Physical Therapy Program and reviewed at the end of the Fall semester. Applications submitted in prior years will not be considered. Students wishing to be considered in a given year must resubmit an application.
2. Students applying for qualification to the professional phase of the program must complete the requirements stipulated within this document by the close of the Spring semester prior to entrance into the professional phase of the program. Official transcripts are required for any transfer coursework completed in fulfillment of pre-professional phase requirements. These transcripts must be issued directly to the Registrar's Office at LMU by the Records office of the institution at which the transfer coursework is completed.
3. Students are required to satisfactorily complete the liberal arts core requirements including all pre-professional coursework by the close of the Spring semester prior to entrance into the professional phase of the program.
4. Students entering the professional phase of the Guaranteed Professional Admission (GPA) or the Undergraduate "3+3" BS/DPT pathway for the Physical Therapy Program at LMU must be on schedule to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree by the end of the first year of the professional phase of the program.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Rehabilitation Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT) program admissions and progression enrollment related policies can be found on the DPT Program website.

Students in their last pre-professional semester, are advised against completing coursework at other institutions as potential transfer credit because possible delays in receiving official transcripts from the other colleges can postpone the student's acceptance into the professional phase of the program.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY CURRICULUM AND/OR THE PROFESSIONAL PHASE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS IF CHANGED OR AMENDED BY LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.