



Department of Physical Therapy Application Checklist for 2026/2027

To apply to the Department of Physical Therapy, you will need to complete the following:

Doctorate of Physical Therapy Application Review

Official GRE Scores

- Arrange for the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your official GRE scores through PTCAS using the Sacramento State GRE code 7588.**

Observation Hours

- Complete a minimum of 50 hours of observation/work experience (outpatient and/or inpatient accepted).

Letters of Recommendation

- Three letters of recommendation are required.
 - Two from a licensed physical therapist
 - One from a college professor

Supplemental Prerequisite Worksheet

- Worksheet must be completed, converted to a READABLE pdf file, and uploaded with the PTCAS application by the deadline date.

Transcripts

- Request a set of official transcripts from every US college and university you have attended be sent to PTCAS. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES).

Monitor your PTCAS Application

- Login to your PTCAS application to check the status of your transcripts, references, GRE scores, and PT observation hour forms.
 - Arrange for all the required materials to arrive by the deadline.
 - Follow up with any of the items that are missing.
 - Do not apply unless you meet all of the minimum requirements.
 - Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Invitation to Interview

- Once all applications have been reviewed, the top 100 applicants are invited for an on-campus interview. All applicants will receive notice of their interview status by mid-December.
 - A typical interview day consists of meeting current DPT students, touring the DPT facilities, and a panel interview with one faculty member, two local clinicians, and the applicant.

Submit your Cal State Apply Application

- Only applicants that receive an interview invitation are asked to submit the University application through Cal State Apply. *Please do not submit your Cal State Apply application until you are notified to do so by the Physical Therapy Department.*