



# PTPREP

**UC DAVIS**

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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING**



# To Do List

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Prepreqs

GRE

School List

Personal Statement

Experiences

PTCAS



# PreReqs

	General Biology	General Chemistry	Organic Chemistry	Physics	Physiology	Human Anatomy	Exercise Physiology	Kinesiology	General Psychology	Abnormal Psychology	Statistics	Medical Terminology	Upper Division Biology	English Composition
California State University, Fresno	—	3 Quarters		3 Quarters	5 Units (with lab)	5 Units (with lab)	—	—	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units (recommended)	—	—
California State University, Long Beach	12 Units	12 Units	—	12 Units	6 Units (with lab)	6 Units (with lab)	—	—	5 Units	—	5 Units	—	—	—
California State University, Northridge	5 Units	15 Units		15 Units	5 Units (with lab)	4 Units (with lab)	—	—	8 Units (see website for acceptable courses)		4 Units	—	—	—
California State University, Sacramento	—	15 Units		12 Units	6 Units (with lab)	6 Units (with lab)	5 Units	5 Units	5 Units	5 Units	5 Units	—	—	—
Chapman University	2 Quarters	3 Quarters		3 Quarters	1 Quarter (with lab)	—	—	—	1 Quarter		1 Quarter	—	2 Quarters	—
Emory University	—	—	—	12 Units	12 Units (with lab)		—	—	—	—	5 Units	—	—	—
Loma Linda University	—	3 Quarters	—	3 Quarters	1 Quarter (with lab)	1 Quarter (with lab)	—	—	1 Quarter	—	1 Quarter	—	2 Quarters	—
Midwestern University	6 Units	6 Units	—	12 Units	4 Units	4 Units (with lab)	—	—	1 Quarter		4 Units	—	—	13 Units
MGH Institute of Health Professions	2 Quarters	3 Quarters	—	3 Quarters	1 Quarter (with lab)	1 Quarter (with lab)	1 Quarter	—	1 Quarter Gen or Abnormal; 1 Quarter Developmental		1 Quarter	—	—	—
Mount Saint Mary's University	12 Units	12 Units	—	12 Units	4 Units (with lab)	4 Units (with lab)	—	Recommended	9 Units (general & 2 electives)		5 Units	—	5 Units	—
Samuel Merritt University	12 Units	12 Units	—	12 Units	—	5 Units (with lab)	—	—	3 Units	—	3 Units	—	—	—
San Francisco State University	—	12 Units	Recommended	12 Units	5 Units (with lab)	4 Units (with lab)	Recommended	Recommended	—	4 Units	4 Units	—	4 Units	—
University of Iowa	3 Quarters	12 Units	—	12 Units	5 Units	—	—	—	9 Units (general, abnormal & 1 other)		5 Units	—	18 Units (including gen bio)	—
University of Miami	5 Units	12 Units	—	12 Units	5 Units	5 Units	—	—	5 Units	—	5 Units	—	—	5 Units
University of New Mexico	—	12 Units	—	12 Units	12 Units (with lab)		5 Units	—	—	—	5 Units	—	—	—
University of the Pacific	9 Units	12 Units	—	12 Units	5 Units (with lab)	5 Units (with lab)	4 Units	—	—	4 Units	4 Units	2 Units	—	—
University of Pittsburgh	12 Units	12 Units		—	5 Units	5 Units	—	—	3 Quarters (general, abnormal & 1 other)		5 Units	—	—	5 Units
USC	3 Quarters	3 Quarters	—	3 Quarters	1 Quarter (with lab)	1 Quarter (with lab)	—	—	1 Quarter	1 Quarter	1 Quarter	—	1 Quarter	—
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	9 Units	9 Units	—	9 Units	5 Units (with lab)	5 Units (with lab)	—	—	9 Units of social sciences, including psychology, sociology etc.		—	—	—	—
Western University of Health Sciences	—	12 Units	—	12 Units	6 Units (with lab)	6 Units (with lab)	—	—	4 Units	4 Units	4 Units	—	—	—

Units shown are quarter units.

This chart is a guide only. Some additional requirements may apply. See school websites for more details.

# PTCAS GPA Calculation Rules

## **INCLUDED:**

- ✓ **Repeated Courses**
- ✓ **Failed Courses**
- ✓ **Study Abroad**

PTCAS will email  
you when your  
GPAs are posted.

## **EXCLUDED:**

- ✗ **Foreign Coursework**
- ✗ **AP/CLEP/IB**
- ✗ **Audit**
- ✗ **Deferred**
- ✗ **Institutional/ Dept Exam**
- ✗ **Incomplete**
- ✗ **Pass/Fail**
- ✗ **Withdrawn**

# Submit Transcripts to PTCAS

- **Enter all of your colleges & universities attended.**
  - Enter all United States and international institutions attended.
- **Print a PTCAS transcript matching form.**
  - After you enter the institutions on the application, print a separate form for every US and Canadian institution.
  - Each form is unique to the institution.
- **Registrar sends only 1 official transcript to PTCAS.**
  - Ask registrar to enclose the PTCAS transcript matching form with official transcript mailed to PTCAS.
  - Request official transcripts for institutions in the US and Canada only.
- **Do not send student-issued transcripts to PTCAS.**
- **Do not request electronic transcripts.**



# Academic Update (AU)

Enter updated summer & fall 2017 grades, as needed.

Send updated 2016-17 transcripts to PTCAS as soon as available.

## Academic Update Dates:

- **DEC**– AU opens. No edits to coursework until AU opens to **you**.
- **JAN**– Priority AU deadline for updated transcripts to PTCAS.
- **FEB**– AU closes. No edits to courses after this date. Final deadline to submit updated summer & fall 2016 transcripts to PTCAS.

You can update your coursework only once per cycle.

PTCAS will send updated courses & GPAs to programs.

# 2015-16 Application

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**The PTCAS application for  
the 2018 entering class  
will launch in July 2017.**



# Other Materials Accepted by PTCAS

If document is required by the DPT program, submit it to PTCAS.

**References**

**Signed PT Observation Hours Forms**

**Foreign Transcript Evaluations**

**Official TOEFL Scores**



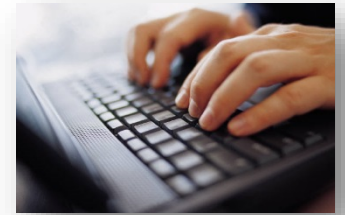
# PTCAS GPAs

- **Overall GPA**
- **Undergraduate GPA**
- **Graduate GPA**
- **GPA for Each College / University Attended**
- **Combined Science and Math GPA**
- **Science GPA (no math)**
- **Course Subject GPAs**
- **PTCAS Core PT Prerequisite GPA** - The core PT prerequisite field in the Coursework section represents the most commonly required prerequisites across programs. Course prerequisites vary by institution. PTCAS will calculate a GPA based on the set of courses matched by the applicant to the core PT prerequisites on the application. Programs may calculate additional GPAs for use in the admissions process.



# References

- ❑ **Send up to 4 references to PTCAS.**
- ❑ **Only electronic references accepted.**
  - ❑ Enter the email address for each evaluator.
  - ❑ Evaluators will login the PTCAS reference portal.
  - ❑ No uploaded reference files are accepted.
  - ❑ No paper references are accepted.
- ❑ **Reference requirements vary by program.**
- ❑ **PTCAS will not hold files for missing references.**
- ❑ **Programs may not accept late references.**
- ❑ **Login to check the status of your references.**



# PT Observation Hours

- **Enter your PT experiences on the application.**
- **Programs may require verification of hours.**
- **If hours were previously verified on a paper form, upload to PTCAS.**
- **PTCAS will no longer accept mailed paper forms.**
- **PT hour requirements vary by program.**
  - Not all PT programs require PT experience or a signed form.
  - PTCAS will not determine if you met requirements for a program.
- **PTCAS will not hold files for...**
  - missing PT signatures
  - missing PT observation hours



# Hour Requirements

## What is Physical Therapy?

A physical therapist (PT) is a health professional concerned with restoration and maintenance of a patient's ability to function following disease or injury. Stroke victims, injured athletes, children with muscular dystrophy or cerebral palsy, amputees, paraplegics and people with minor joint or muscle aches are among the patients a physical therapist may work with. The physical therapist treats patients with physical modalities such as heat, cold, electricity, ultrasound, water exercise, and pressure. The goal of therapy is to improve circulation, strengthen muscles, restore gross motor skills, correct deformities, relieve pain and expedite recovery. To learn more, [read here](#).

### ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Each school has different criteria of prerequisite course work. Please see our [PT Advising Sheet](#) for more information about the requirements for some local programs. Keep in mind that you can choose any major and plan to pursue physical therapy. You will have to complete the prerequisite coursework regardless of your major. It is very important that you do well in all of your courses.

## Experience


### CA PT Program-Start Dates and Hour Requirements

#### ▼ Start Dates and Hour Requirements

#### Azusa Pacific University

Physical Therapy Program  
901 East Alost Avenue  
Azusa, CA 91702-7000

Michael Laymon, PT, Program Director

(626) 815-5020 

- Start Date: February
- Clinical Experience Requirement: Minimum of 100 hours of clinical experience in a physical therapy setting.

### American Physical Therapy Association

The [APTA](#) is your go-to place when applying to physical therapy programs.

### Ready to Apply?

The [PTCAS](#) is the centralized application system for physical therapy programs.

### Register for the GRE

The GRE is not a course-dependent test, meaning there are not specific UCD courses you need to take to prepare. The best way is to give yourself time to study the test by buying test prep books or taking a test prep course.

Whatever you do, do not take the test without preparing! [Click here to register for the GRE.](#)

### List of PT Programs

[Click here](#) to find a list of accredited Physical Therapy programs in the US.

# Updating Your PT Observation Hours

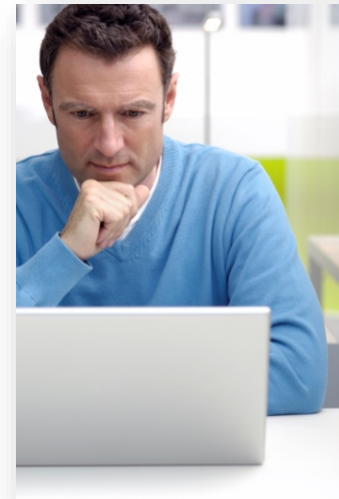
## After you e-submit, you ...

- Can add new PT experiences.
- Can request new PT signatures.
- Can make edits to in-progress / planned PT hours.
- ⊗ Cannot make edits to completed PT hours.
- ⊗ Cannot make edits to hours verified by a PT on a uploaded form.



# Last Year's PTCAS Essay Question

Changes every year.  
Released early April.



- Essays are limited to 4500 characters with spaces (~1 page single spaced)
- You cannot edit your essay after you submit your PTCAS application.
- Review your essay for typos and errors before you submit your application.
- Tip: Do not enter comments for a specific PT program in your essay.

# School-specific (Custom) Questions

- **Most institutions require school-specific (custom) questions.**
- **Questions are imbedded in the PTCAS application.**
- **Examples include:**
  - Re-applicant questions
  - Program-specific essays or personal statements
  - Additional residency questions
  - Course prerequisite matching
  - Special program tracks or applicant types
- **You cannot submit the application until school questions are done.**
- **Your designated programs will only see your responses to their questions, and not for other programs.**
- **To view school-specific questions, visit the PTCAS Directory.**

# PTCAS Fee Waiver

- ❑ Fee waiver is available for financially disadvantaged.
- ❑ If approved, the \$140 base PTCAS fee is waived.
- ❑ Pay \$40 for each additional designation over first.
- ❑ Only US citizens and permanent residents are eligible.
- ❑ Use PTCAS fee waiver request form.
- ❑ Submit fee waiver request form and most recent tax return to PTCAS **before you submit your PTCAS application.**
- ❑ There are a limited number of waivers available.





# Deadlines

- **APPLY EARLY**
- Deadlines expire at **11:59 pm EASTERN** time.
- Some programs accept full class before the deadline.
- Many programs have a rolling admissions process.
- Program may not consider late applications or materials.
- **FIRM Deadline** - You can NOT apply after the deadline.
- **SOFT Deadline** - You can apply after the deadline, but program will only consider your application if space is still available in class.



# Questions??

