

**Doctor of Physical Therapy Possibility at  
Central Michigan University  
for MSU Kinesiology Students**

**Articulation Agreement with Michigan State University**

**Overview**

Beginning Academic Year 2005, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program of Central Michigan University (CMU) has agreed to admit up to three qualified, full-time students from Michigan State University's (MSU) Kinesiology Department, who satisfy all of the criteria, into its entry level doctoral degree program in physical therapy (PT). The admission of these three selected candidates to the Central Michigan University DPT program will be directly into their program on a non-competitive basis. Non-competitive basis means that once selected as one of the three students from Michigan State University, the student's admission is guaranteed into the DPT program at CMU. Furthermore, the Graduate Studies application fee and the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions Supplemental fee required by CMU will be waived for the selected students.

The four criteria for consideration of each student into this program are: I. meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement, II. be recommended by the advisor and faculty via the Undergraduate Studies Committee, III. pass the interview process with the DPT Admissions Committee at CMU, and IV. fulfill all MSU graduation and CMU DPT application requirements. Each of these criteria is addressed below.

**I. Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement**

To be eligible to apply for admission under the terms of this articulation agreement, a student must have completed:

- a. The first six semesters of coursework and compiled a 3.250 or higher cumulative grade point average.
- b. Compiled a 3.250 or higher cumulative pre-requisite grade point average, at the time of application with no grade below a "C" (2.0) for each course listed in the prerequisite coursework. (See Exhibit A following this text.)

**II. Advisor and Faculty Recommendation**

Suitable candidate names will be nominated and forwarded to the Kinesiology Undergraduate Studies Committee for consideration. This nomination process shall occur during the Fall Semester of the senior year. All candidates will be interviewed by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. In the event that there are more than three qualified Michigan State University applicants nominated, all candidates will be interviewed by the DPT admissions committee from CMU. The DPT admissions committee, then, will select the three applicants to be accepted via the non-competitive process. Students not among the nominees selected for non-competitive admission will be considered for admission and should apply to the CMU DPT program in the regular way.

A letter of recommendation from the Kinesiology Undergraduate Adviser (Pre-Health Professions Advisor) in the Department of Kinesiology at MSU in which the candidate is rated as superior or above average must accompany the Application.

Additionally, the candidate must present: A. evidence of meaningful experiences in community work or volunteer service participation involving helping relationships with people, that demonstrate an appreciation and sensitivity for life and the human condition in its many and varied capabilities, and B. documentation from two different physical therapists from two different PT experiences.

### **III. Interview**

The candidate must interview with the Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions Committee at CMU and receive a passing score.

### **IV. Fulfillment of all graduation requirements**

Admission is conditional, and not finalized until applicants have completed the following:

#### A. Degree Conferral Prior to graduation

All degree requirements set forth in the approved curriculum must be completed and the student must have graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology prior to the start of the DPT Program which, traditionally, is in May.

#### B. Submission of a Completed Application Packet to CMU.

A completed application packet must be submitted to the CMU College of Graduate Studies. Ensure that all application materials are submitted to the College and postmarked by December 1, or the deadline date found in the website, whichever is first.

<http://www.chp.cmich.edu/pt/prereq.htm>

#### C. A minimum of two confidential sealed recommendation forms.

One recommendation must be from the academic faculty of Michigan State University, while the other recommendation must be from a licensed Physical Therapist.

#### D. Official transcripts and personal statements.

**Pre-application criteria and process guidelines for application**

Students requesting consideration should submit the materials identified below in hard copy format and in a sealed envelope, to the Kinesiology Undergraduate Studies Committee no later than 5:00 pm. the first Friday of October. For 2007, that will be October 5. Address the material to Jo Hartwell, c/o Rm. 134 Erickson Hall, College of Education.

1. A student must have completed a. The first six semesters of coursework and compiled a 3.250 or higher cumulative grade point average. b. Compiled a 3.250 or higher cumulative pre-requisite grade point average, at the time of application with no grade below a “C” (2.0) for each course completed in the prerequisite coursework. Plan to have all prerequisite classes completed **NO LATER** no later than the fall in which you will be applying. All classes must be completed according to the grade criteria set forth by CMU. Students must graduate by the spring semester of the year they will enter the DPT program. Fall graduates will also be considered.
  
2. Students may apply to other DPT programs but must know that CMU is their first choice. If selected a student must commit to CMU. The student will provide documentation that a visit has been made to CMU College of Health Professions and that a meeting with a CMU College counselor has occurred.
  
3. The student should have met at least twice a year since sophomore year with a Kinesiology adviser.
  
4. A student must provide written evidence of two meaningful experiences in: a. community work or volunteer service participation involving helping relationships with people, that demonstrate an appreciation and sensitivity for life and the human condition in its many and varied capabilities, and b. documentation from two different physical therapists from two different PT experiences. This documentation can be a signed log and short letter of explanation with the institutions and credentials from each PT.
  
5. The student must write a personal statement outlining reasons for consideration for this program. This statement must be no longer than two pages, double-spaced, following correct grammar and spelling. Please use the following guidelines:  
The reasons for applying to the CMU DPT program which should include knowledge of the particular school and the DPT program itself; professional goals; experiences that have influenced the student’s development and interest in PT; uniqueness of the student that would contribute to the CMU program and to the student’s own personal development; and role models that have had an impact on the student’s decision to pursue physical therapy as a profession.
  
6. Provide:
  - a. an unofficial transcript from Stuinfo with the cumulative degree GPA; number of credits; and all CMU prerequisite classes highlighted. Separately, submit a list of CMU prerequisite classes with a cumulative GPA for these classes.
  - b. a written plan by semester documenting remaining CMU pre-requisite classes and classes needed for graduation
  - c. a cover sheet with student name, PID, preferred address, phone number, email.

**EXHIBIT A**

Exemplary course plan that meets all pre-requisite course requirements for admission to the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree at Central Michigan University. Required pre-requisite courses indicated in **BOLD**. The required pre-requisite courses must be satisfactorily completed prior to graduation

<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>			
<b>FALL SEMESTER I</b>		<b>SPRING SEMESTER I</b>	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>MTH 103 – College Algebra (or higher level mathematics)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology</b>	<b>4</b>
KIN 121 The health Lifestyle	3	<b>MTH 114 College Trig (or higher level mathematics)</b>	<b>3</b>
KIN 125 First Aid and personal Safety	3	<b>CEM 141 and 161 General and lab</b>	<b>5</b>
KIN 170 Foundations of Kinesiology	2	IAH or ISS XXX	4
WRA XXX	4		
	<u>15</u>		<u>16</u>
<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR</b>			
<b>FALL SEMESTER II</b>		<b>SPRING SEMESTER II</b>	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>KIN 216 Applied Human Anatomy</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>CEM 142 and 162 – General Inorganic</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PHY 231 and 251 Intro and lab</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Elective (possible prerequisite e.g. BS 111 class Cells and Molecules)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 244 and FCE 225 or FCE 211 and FCE 225 – Developmental Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>PSL 250 Intro Physiology</b>	<b>4</b>
IAH or ISS XXX	4	IAH or ISS XXX	4
	<u>14</u>		<u>15</u>
<b>JUNIOR YEAR</b>			
<b>FALL SEMESTER III</b>		<b>SPRING SEMESTER III</b>	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>PHY 232/252 – Introductory Physics II</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>KIN 217 Applied Human Anatomy Lab (Cadaver)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ZOL 141 or 341 (prereq BS 111) Fundamental Genetics</b>	<b>3 - 4</b>	<b>PSY 244 and FCE 225 or FCE 211 and FCE 225 – Developmental Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
IAH or ISS XXX	4	KIN 340 Psy. Basis of Physical Activity	3
KIN 260 Physical Growth and Motor Behavior	3	KIN 465 Adapted Physical Activity	3
	<u>14 - 15</u>	KIN 310 Physiological Bases of Physical Activity	3
			<u>13</u>
<b>SENIOR YEAR</b>			
<b>FALL SEMESTER IV</b>		<b>SPRING SEMESTER IV</b>	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>STT 200 OR STT 201 OR STT 231 OR STT 425 OR STT 430 - Statistics</b>	<b>3 - 4</b>	KIN 493 Internship	3 - 6
KIN 250 Measurement in Kinesiology	3	KIN 330	3
KIN 370 Proseminar in Kinesiology	2	KIN 445	3
*KIN 411 Lab Experience in Exercise Physiology (seat not guaranteed)	2	*KIN 411 Lab Experience in Exercise Physiology (seat guaranteed)	2
Elective	3		
	<u>13 - 14</u>		<u>12</u>