

Application Requirements and Procedures for University of Michigan-Flint Articulation Agreement

Overview

Beginning Academic Year 2012, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program of the University of Michigan-Flint (UMF) agreed to admit 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 (DPT). The admission of these selected candidates to the University of Michigan-Flint (UMF) program, will be directly into their program on a non-competitive basis. Non-competitive basis means that once selected as one of the students from the Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University, a slot will be held for the student in the UMF DPT program, until the UMF DPT faculty have interviewed and formally accepted the student. This Agreement provides for Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at MSU Kinesiology with guaranteed admission into the UMF DPT degree program, provided they meet certain admissions requirements as outlined below. (A student who has graduated from the Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University, is not eligible to apply for this Articulation Agreement.) Students must assume responsibility for maintaining liaison with their appropriate MSU Kinesiology advisor(s). Students should consult their program or academic advisor in the degree discipline for specific degree requirements that must be completed to receive guaranteed admission. As an aside to this document, students should consult the following U of M Flint website: <https://www.umflint.edu/graduateprograms/guaranteed-admission>

The four criteria for consideration of each student into this program are: I. meet the Application Requirements, II. Meet the Minimum Academic Requirements, III. Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation into the DPTGA Program, and IV. Meet the General Terms and Conditions. These criteria are addressed below.

I. Application Requirements

- A. The Student must submit a completed application to the DPTGA Program via the American Physical Therapy Association Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) on, or before the designated deadline.
- B. Complete 125 hours of clinical observation hours in at least four (4) different settings.
- C. Obtain a recommendation without reservation from a physical therapist who has observed the Student in one (1) of the four (4) clinical settings.
- D. Obtain a recommendation without reservation from an instructor (faculty, or graduate assistant countersigned by a faculty member) of a required KIN course, in the last year prior to the Student's application to the DPTGA Program.

II. Minimum Academic Requirements

- A. Attain an overall minimum undergraduate grade point average ("GPA") of 3.50 prior to application to the DPTGA Program.
- B. Complete the prerequisite science courses (with no repeated courses), with a minimum GPA of 3.25.
- C. Attain a minimum qualitative revised Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 153 and quantitative GRE of 148.
- D. Maintain a full-time course load the fall and spring semesters of the two (2) years preceding Student's receipt of a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU Kinesiology.

III. Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation into the DPTGA Program

- A. Obtain a Bachelor of Science degree from the Department of Kinesiology at MSU, in the academic year prior to the start of the DPTGA Program courses.

IV. General Terms and Conditions

- A. Transfer credits with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better are acceptable for each prerequisite science course.
- B. All prerequisite courses and degrees must be completed prior to the Student's start of DPTGA Program courses.
- C. Students must retain satisfactory academic standards after admittance to the DPTGA Program and prior to the start of DPTGA Program courses.
- D. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") and First Aid certification must be completed by Students prior to the start of their DPTGA Program courses.
- E. Students must apply for undergraduate graduation from MSU with a major in Kinesiology or Athletic Training.
- F. Failure by a Student to fulfill the DPTGA Program pre-admission requirements prior to the start of the fall semester in which the DPTGA Program courses begin, will result in withdrawal of the Student's admission to the DPTGA Program.

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NOTE: The U of M Flint DPT Program Admissions Committee determines admission based on their own criteria and further interviews and application review may be completed by them after review by MSU Kinesiology. MSU Kinesiology does not determine admittance into the U of M Flint DPT Program.

Pre-application criteria and process guidelines for application

Students requesting consideration should submit the materials identified below in electronic copy format, except for the sealed letters of recommendation. These sealed letters must be placed in a larger sealed envelope and addressed to the person identified below. All material must be received no later than 5:00 pm. on the last Friday of September. For 2018, the specific due date is September 28th, 2018.

Address the electronic application to: harnickg@msu.edu

Submit the hard copy confidential recommendations to:

Mr.

George Harnick, IM Rec Sports-Circle , 308 W. Circle Dr., Rm 134, Department of Kinesiology.

1. A student must have completed:

- a. The first six semesters of coursework and compiled a 3.50 or higher cumulative grade point average.
- b. Completed all prerequisite science courses (**with no repeated courses**) with a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

All classes must be completed according to the grade criteria set forth by UMF. Students must graduate the spring or summer semester of the year they will enter the fall DPT program.

2. Interested students should:

- a. Select UMF as their first choice DPT program and if selected, commit to UMF.

3. The student should have met at least twice a year since sophomore year with a Kinesiology adviser.

4. Provide:

- a. A personal statement outlining reasons for consideration for this program. This statement must be no longer than two pages, double-spaced, 10 – 12 font, following correct grammar and spelling. Please use the following guidelines:

Include in your statement the reasons for applying to the UMF DPT program such as: 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 UMF 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.

- b. Written evidence of four (4) 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 one physical therapist from one of four PT experiences. This documentation can be a signed log and short letter of explanation with the institutions and credentials from each PT.
- c. An unofficial transcript from Stuinfo with the cumulative degree GPA; number of credits; and all UMF prerequisite classes highlighted. Separately, provide a list of UMF prerequisite classes with a cumulative GPA of these classes.
- d. A written plan by semester documenting remaining UMF prerequisite classes and classes needed for graduation
- e. Documentation (electronic copy) that a visit has been made to UMF School of Health Professions and Studies, Physical Therapy Department, and that a meeting with a UMF DPT counselor has occurred no later than the semester prior to application.
- f. A cover sheet with student name, PID, preferred address, phone number, email.