The Clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) program prepares students to become clinician-scientists who can competently apply research to clinical practice, perform all aspects of physical therapy practice, and perform clinical research. It will prepare graduates to examine, evaluate, diagnose, and intervene in the management of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities of the cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, and integumentary systems. The program meets the changing national standards as well as community needs for physical therapists working in a multitude of settings. The DPT program is in accordance with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) recommendation that physical therapists be doctorally credentialed. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Graduates will be eligible for the National Physical Therapy Examination. Results from this examination will be used for state licensure.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum is 105 credits and will be completed over a three-year period. In addition to required coursework and clinical internship performance, students will be required to pass two comprehensive examinations, four clinical internships, and a publishable research project.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- All undergraduate requirements must be met prior to the starting date of the program in which the applicant is seeking admission:
  - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with laboratories
  - Two semesters of physics with laboratories
  - Two semesters of chemistry with laboratories
  - Two semesters of psychology (including one semester of developmental psychology or child psychology)
  - One semester of mathematics (precalculus or college algebra and trigonometry)
  - One semester of statistics (we recommend a course that includes computer applications)
  - One semester of English composition (e.g., expository writing)
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Clinical Experience Form:
Documented clinical experience of at least 100 hours in the United States under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, with a minimum of 50 hours in a hospital and the remaining 50 hours or more in different practice settings (e.g., private practice, nursing home, pediatric or school setting, outpatient setting). The potential applicant may inquire at any hospital or other facility about volunteering in its physical therapy department as a means of gaining access to clinical experience.

Interview and Writing Sample:
After initial review, applicants may be selected for an on-site interview and on-site writing sample.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE):
Applicants are required to submit scores for the General Aptitude Test. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit www.gre.org. Our institutional code for the GRE is 2778.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): The minimum required scores are 550 (Paper), 213 (Computer), or 79-80 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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