11. MINIMUM SKILLS/ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Division of Physical Therapy Technical Standards
Applicants to and students in the Physical Therapy program must possess aptitude, abilities and skills in the areas of observation, communication, sensory and motor function, intellectual/cognitive skills and behavioral/social attributes.

Sensory/Observational Skills
• Ability to observe demonstrations and participate in lecture and laboratory settings as required in the curriculum
• Ability to observe patients accurately both at a distance and close at hand
• Ability to obtain medical history directly from the patient or guardian
• Ability to use vision, hearing, and other sensory modalities

Communication Skills
• Ability to effectively use English to communicate in oral and written form with faculty, peers, patients and other health care team members
• Ability to complete reading assignments, writing assignments, search and evaluate the literature, and maintain written records

Motor Skills
• Ability to elicit information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion and other evaluative procedures
• Ability to reasonably execute motor movements required to provide general physical therapy including coordination and speed and agility to assist and safely guard patients who are walking, exercising or performing other therapeutic activities
• Ability to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation
• Ability to lift and transfer patients or direct someone to perform these tasks
• Ability to demonstrate adequate gross and fine motor movements, balance, manual dexterity and kinesthetic awareness to safely perform physical therapy procedures.

Intellectual and Cognitive Skills
• Ability to measure, calculate, reason, analyze and synthesize data
• Ability to obtain, interpret, analyze, evaluate, and document data to determine a physical therapy diagnosis
• Ability to use sound judgment, prioritize therapeutic interventions, and measure and record outcomes
• Ability to use the computer for searching, recording, storing and retrieving information
• Ability to comprehend 3-dimensional and spatial relationships of anatomic structures
Behavioral and Social Attributes

- Ability to use their intellectual capacity, exercise good judgment and promptly complete all duties related to diagnosis and care of patients under potentially stressful circumstances.
- Ability to demonstrate empathy, integrity, ethical standards, interpersonal skills, motivation and interest, not only for admission, but also throughout their careers as physical therapists.
- Ability to demonstrate cultural sensitivity.

Upon admission, an otherwise-qualified student who discloses a disability (with certification) is assured of reasonable accommodation. These accommodations include: opportunities for individual and group counseling; peer counseling; linkages with community services; faculty advisory committees that are aware of disabled students and their needs; career counseling; assistance with job searches and interview skills; and, of course, the more familiar accommodations of extended test-taking time, and other enabling services.

I attest that I meet the minimal skills/eligibility requirements for the Division of Physical Therapy DPT Program.

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Signature

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Date

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Print full name

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