

**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 Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average and Career Exploration Requirements

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 3.4 or higher cumulative grade point average.
- b. Compiled a 3.4 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.)
- c. Compiled a minimum of 50 hours in two (2) different settings that must include at least two (2) different populations and diagnoses. If the student was unable to complete 50 observation/shadowing hours due to the pandemic, they should log completed hours (in any) in PTCAS and also be prepared to answer a question demonstrating in-depth understanding of the scope and breath of physical therapy practice.

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 that have completed the minimal requirements and are deemed a suitable candidate, will be interviewed by the Kinesiology 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 should apply to the CMU DPT program in the regular way.

A letter of recommendation from the Kinesiology Undergraduate Adviser 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 both A and B listed below:

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 meeting the minimal requirements (as listed above) 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 PTCAS.

A completed application packet must be submitted to PTCAS by October 1st. The completed supplemental application for CMU should be emailed to chpgradadm@cmich.edu no later than October 1st. For more information, please see [the CMU DPT Application Requirements page](#).

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 **electronic** copy format (either PDF or Microsoft Word/.doc), to the Kinesiology Undergraduate Studies Committee no later than 5:00 pm. October 1st.

CMU Articulation Agreement Checklist and Procedures

Please read the entire checklist, pre-application criteria, process, and pre-application guidelines.

Minimum Requirements for Pre-Application:

1. Minimum Grade Point Average:
 - a. You must have completed the first six (6) semesters of coursework and compiled a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.4 or higher
 - b. You must have compiled a cumulative pre-requisite course GPA of 3.4 or higher at the time of application with no grade below a "C" (2.0) for each course listed in the prerequisite coursework.
 - c. You must have compiled a minimum of 50 hours in two (2) different settings that must include at least two (2) different populations and diagnoses.
 - d. Plan to have all prerequisite classes completed NO LATER that 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 the spring semester of the year they will enter the DPT program.
2. Must have met with an academic advisor at least twice per year and received a recommendation from that advisor:
 - a. Your advisor must rate you through a short letter stating that you are an above average or superior student (this letter is also included in the electronic application packet).
3. You must select CMU as your **first choice DPT program in your PTCAS application and if selected commit to CMU.**
4. Document a visit to CMU College of Health Professions and meeting with CMU college counselor (use confirmation email as proof).
5. 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 (compiling at least 50 hours) from two (2) different PT experiences in two (2) different settings that includes at least two (2) different populations and diagnoses. This documentation can be a signed log and short letter of explanation with the institutions and credentials from each PT.
6. 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. Required information in the statement includes a list of 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.

7. Please use the checklist below to help guide your application.

Checklist for the Pre-Application Process – please include the following in application

- ❑ Cover sheet with name, PID, preferred address, phone number, and email
- ❑ Write about two meaningful experiences in community work or volunteer service participation involving helping relationships with people
- ❑ Letter of recommendation from two (2) different physical therapists from two (2) different physical therapy experiences (can be either a signed log of hours or short letter from the PT – should include the PT's credentials)
 - You must have compiled a minimum of 50 hours in two (2) different settings that must include at least two (2) different populations and diagnoses.
- ❑ Personal statement
- ❑ Unofficial transcripts with cumulative GPA, number of credits, and all CMU prerequisite classes highlighted
- ❑ A separate list of CMU prerequisite classes with a cumulative GPA of those prerequisite classes
- ❑ A written plan documenting the CMU prerequisite classes that you still need to take at MSU to graduate and how/when you will complete them.
- ❑ A letter of recommendation from your academic advisor stating that you are an above average or superior student.
- ❑ Documentation of a visit to CMU College of Health Professions and meeting with CMU college counselor (use confirmation email as proof).

Articulation Process:

Once a student has completed the requirements stated in the Articulation Agreement guidelines and submitted all of the pre-application materials on time, the Kinesiology Undergraduate Studies and Curriculum Committee will review each pre-application and select the most competitive candidates to be interviewed. Following the interviews, the committee can recommend up to 3 candidates to CMU. Recommended candidates will be notified as such and will need to interview with the DPT Admissions Committee at CMU. In order to be eligible, you must fulfill all MSU graduation requirements and must complete the CMU Graduate School Admission Application.