



## GRADUATE STUDY IN PHYSICAL THERAPY COVID-19 APPLICATION UPDATES

As we closely monitor the evolving impact of COVID-19, we are implementing updates to the application requirements which are likely to be impacted by recommendations for social distancing and quarantines.

### APPLICATION UPDATES FOR 2021-2022 APPLICATION CYCLE

#### Observation hours:

- While 50 hours of physical therapy clinical observation/experience are still preferred we understand that this may be impossible for some applicants. Observation hours are recommended but not required for application. Applicants who cannot complete hours are encouraged to review the websites below to better familiarize themselves with the profession.
  - Role of a PT - <http://www.apta.org/PTCareers/RoleofaPT/>
  - Physical Therapy Careers - <http://www.apta.org/PTCareers/Overview/>

#### Pass or Satisfactory Grades

- While letter grades are still encouraged, a grade of pass or satisfactory will be accepted for spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms. Letter grades are required for all other semesters.

#### The Graduate Record Exam (*General GRE – submit via code 7814*)

- GRE Test at Home, <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/gre/at-home/>, scores will be accepted. Please visit the link to determine eligibility and how to register.

#### Letters of recommendation

- One recommendation from a physical therapist is encouraged but not required. A total of three letters of recommendation are still required.

Application Material for The University of South Dakota Physical Therapy Program can be found at: <http://www.usd.edu/pt>

The Physical Therapists Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) is a service of the American Physical Therapy Association and allows you to use a single web-based application and one set of materials to apply to multiple physical therapy education programs. You can visit their website at: <http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx>.

**Additional information regarding this program or general questions about application status can be directed to:**

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