There are three separate components of the application process that must be submitted:

1. **PTCAS Web-Based Application:** Please visit [http://www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org) for application instructions.
   - Your PTCAS application, submitted online prior to the appropriate deadlines, must include:
     - Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended
     - Three references
     - Essay
     - Minimum of 50 verified observation hours *(Hours must be completed by application deadline)*
   - Academic Updates can be submitted to PTCAS to update fall semester coursework. USD will not include any updates received from PTCAS after January 2, 2020 as part of your application score.

2. **USD Graduate School Application Fee:** In addition to the PTCAS online application, all applicants are required to apply to The University of South Dakota Graduate School by paying a $35 Fee. Submit the Graduate School Application Fee by the appropriate deadlines.

3. **GRE Scores:** Submit your GRE scores directly to PTCAS from the testing service using the USD PT/PTCAS Code - 7814. You only need to use the USD PT/PTCAS code and NOT the individual university or department codes. Due to changes in the GRE, it is STRONGLY encouraged that you complete your GRE exam by the following dates. Exam completed after these dates may not have score reports received in time for application processing.
   - Early applicants (Sept. 13 deadline) who apply for the 2020 entering class should take the GRE before July 31, 2019.
   - General applicants (Dec. 2 deadline) should take their exam by November 1, 2019.
   - The oldest GRE scores considered will be November 1, 2014.

**Applicants are responsible for verification of receipt of all documents to PTCAS and the USD Graduate School.**

Thank you for your interest in The USD Physical Therapy Program!

Additional information regarding this program or general questions about application status can be directed to:
Rita Humphrey, Assistant Admissions Officer, at 605-658-6356, emailed to Rita.Humphrey@usd.edu, or visit our website at [www.usd.edu/pt](http://www.usd.edu/pt)

For specific questions concerning prerequisites or the decision processes, please contact:
Dr. Becca Jordre, Admissions Chair, at 605-658-6370 or email Becca.Jordre@usd.edu

For specific questions regarding the Health Sciences Graduate School Application Fee, please contact:
The USD Graduate School, 414 East Clark St., Vermillion, SD 57069-2390, 605-658-6173 or email grad@usd.edu.

For further information regarding financial aid or to receive a USD catalog, please contact:
The University of South Dakota, Admissions Office, 414 E Clark St., Vermillion, SD 57069-2390, 605-658-6140

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