WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

Department of Physical Therapy

Guidelines on Applying to the Program

1. Submit an application through the Physical Therapy Central Application Service (PTCAS) <http://www.ptcas.org/>.

* Official college/university transcripts from all previous coursework
* Three letters of recommendation, including one from a physical therapist and one from a teacher qualified to evaluate academic performance and potential for success in graduate studies
* Essay written on a topic specified by the PTCAS
* Pre-requisite courses (listed per PTCAS guidelines)

1. Submit an application through the WCU Graduate School online application system, “Apply Yourself”, <http://www.wcu.edu/5642.asp>

* Complete the application form (general information)
* You do not need to send recommendation letters with this application but it is important that you fill in at least contact information for references. You can select “for Graduate School records only” on the drop down list with each recommender. This provides contact information for our records without sending any communication to your recommenders
* No additional supplemental information needs to be submitted through this application process. All of this will be included in your PTCAS application and sent to the Department of Physical Therapy, Western Carolina University

1. Request that Educational Testing Service (ETS) send official scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test to Western Carolina University PTCAS GRE Code 0342. The last acceptable GRE test date is August 10, 2013 for those applying for fall 2014 admission.
2. If you accept an offer of admission to WCU’s physical therapy program, you will need to send official transcript(s) before you can register for courses as follows:

* Documentation of earned degree to Western Carolina University, Graduate School, 110 Cordelia Camp, 69 East University Way, Cullowhee, NC 28723.
* Documentation of earned grades for pre-requisite courses outstanding at the time of your application to PTCAS to Western Carolina University, Department of Physical Therapy, 4121 Little Savannah Rd., Room 232, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

**All application materials must be submitted and received by October 1st!**

Thank you for your interest in the Western Carolina University Physical Therapy Program.