

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Doctor of Physical Therapy: Transitional Curriculum Program

Introduction to the Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapy Program at Idaho State University and the transitional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT). The enclosed packet contains all forms necessary to submit a complete application. Please read the instructions carefully prior to completing the application to the program. The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum accepts only licensed and practicing physical therapists in the United States who have either completed a master's degree in physical therapy or an associated field of study. The selection process of candidates will be based on the competitive review of previous academic work, clinical experience, Graduate Record Examination scores, and essay evaluation. The transitional course program for the DPT will be in January 2010 and is designed to be completed in three consecutive semesters. If you have any questions about the process please contact the ISU Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy at (208) 282-4095 or (800) 797-4781.

The application packet should consist of the following:

1. Application Instructions
2. ISU tDPT Program Application
3. Idaho Residency Form – www.isu.edu/graduate
4. ISU – School of Graduate Studies application – www.isu.edu/graduate
5. Personal Essay Form

Please check the application packet to make sure it includes all the above forms. Contact the ISU Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy (DPOT) if forms are missing.

Information about Financial Aid and resources for applicants with disabilities have also been included with this packet.

NOTE: Official Transcripts and Official GRE/MAT/TOEFL scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School. The Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy requires transcripts and copies of GRE/MAT scores be included with application.

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Instructions

If you have previously attended and graduated from the ISU Master of Physical Therapy Degree Program or hold another graduate degree from Idaho State University, you will need to request in writing that your credential file be updated.

However, you may still be required to send in additional information if you attended ISU more than five years ago. All new applicants to the tDPT program and the Graduate School will need to send the following to Graduate School. In addition to the Graduate School Application the applicant must also apply the Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy for tDPT program admission.

1. ISU tDPT Application
2. ISU Graduate School Application
3. ISU Residency Form
4. Personal Essay Form
5. Physical Therapy License
6. Technology Acknowledgement – (This is a check off spot on the application.)
7. Transcripts, GRE or MAT scores
8. Names and contact information of at least two references who are licensed physical therapists.

Follow the instructions for completing the above forms carefully. All components of the application are essential in consideration of admission to the transitional DPT program.

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Doctor of Physical Therapy: Transitional Curriculum Program Application Instructions

The following information will assist you in successfully completing the tDPT application forms. Please read these instructions completely prior to writing on the forms. Please follow the directions accurately. If you have any questions about the application process, contact the ISU Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy tDPT Program at (208) 282-4095 or (800)- 797-4781.

1. ISU tDPT Program Application – Form (Return to the ISU Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy)
This form serves two purposes:
 - a. Application to the ISU tDPT Program
Fill in the information requested completely and legibly. This form will serve as the applicant identification sheet.
 - b. Application Check List
A check list is provided distinguishing which forms must be sent to the ISU Graduate School and which forms should be sent to the ISU tDPT Program. The transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (tDPT) accepts applications on a rolling admission basis with the new cohort of students starting in January of each year. Application review begins December 1st, of each year with notification of acceptance in early December. Students are encouraged to apply early in the admissions cycle since there is limited space in the program.

Note: Application Fees

- a. \$55.00 application fee – send to the ISU Graduate School
- b. \$25.00 application fee – send to the ISU DPT Program.

2. ISU School of Graduate Studies Application You can apply online to the Graduate School at www.isu.edu/departments/graduatestudies. Fill in the information requested completely and legibly. **The code for DPT is 1212 and it is in the Kasiska College of Health Professions.**
3. ISU Residency Form – www.isu.edu/departments/graduatestudies. Fill in the information requested completely and legibly.
4. Personal Essay Form (Return to the ISU tDPT Program)
Compose a one to two page essay describing your interest in the tDPT program, a brief description of your learning style and strategies you might employ with the online environment of the program, a brief history of your clinical practice experience and your expectations from the program and faculty. The essay is considered an essential component of the application. Provide **a signature at the end of the essay to indicate authorship.**
5. Transcripts and GRE/MAT/TOEFL scores:
Graduate School: **Official Transcripts of all college credits earned, and official GRE/MAT/TOEFL Scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School.** *If you are a past graduate of the ISU Physical Therapy Program, these are already on file at the Graduate School. Applicants must ask the Graduate School to reactivate their files.*
tDPT Program: **A copy of each transcript of all college credits earned and an unofficial copy of GRE/MAT/TOEFL scores must be included with the application packet to the Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy; tDPT program.**
6. Physical Therapy License and Education
All applicants must submit a photocopy of their active state physical therapy license (temporary licenses are not acceptable) with their application to the tDPT program and have evidence of graduation from a CAPTE accredited program in physical therapy. This must be sent directly to the ISU Physical and Occupational Therapy Department.
7. Applicants must be well versed in computer skills and have computers capable of internet access, word processing and graphics in order to view and negotiate course materials and communicate with the instructors. The following components are essential for completion of this degree using MOODLE course format. Printer capability, CD player, software must include: word processing (e.g. MS Word, WordPerfect or AppleWorks), Internet browser (e.g. Netscape, Internet explorer or Safari), Browser plug ins (e.g. Adobe Acrobat Reader, Media Player, Java Software and all computers must have computer virus scanning software (e.g. McAfee, Panda). Further information as to computer needs of the students enrolled in the program can be found at <http://classes.isu.edu/online/students/skills.html>.

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Transitional DPT (tDPT) Program Application Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE and ZIP: _____

(You are responsible to notify tDPT Program of changes in address or phone number.)

E-mail Address: _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____) - _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

Are you an Idaho resident? Yes No How long? _____ PT Licensure State _____ # _____

Previous Education:

Undergraduate:

Institution _____ Degree__ Emphasis _____ Date _____

Institution _____ Degree__ Emphasis _____ Date _____

Graduate:

Institution _____ Degree__ Emphasis _____ Date _____

Institution _____ Degree__ Emphasis _____ Date _____

Application Dates: All application forms, GRE/MAT/TOEFL and transcripts for the Graduate School and for the tDPT should be sent to the correct location by **December 1, 2009** for review. **PLEASE NOT THAT A COHORT OF ONLY TEN STUDENTS ARE ADMITTED ANNUALLY FOR THE tDPT PROGRAM**

Check list of application materials:

- I. Send to: Graduate School Office
Idaho State University
STOP 8075
Pocatello ID 83209-0009**

_____ ISU Graduate School Application Form (The DPT Code is 1212 and is in the Kasiska College of Health Prof.)

_____ ISU Graduate School Residency Form

_____ **One official** transcript of all college credits earned following graduation from high school (transcripts take 3-4 weeks; please order immediately)

_____ Official GRE, MAT or TOEFL Scores (ISU's Code is **4355**)

_____ \$55.00 Graduate School Application Fee

- II. Send to: tDPT Physical Therapy Program
Idaho State University
STOP 8045
Pocatello ID 83209-0009**

_____ tDPT Application

_____ One unofficial transcript of all college credits earned following graduation from high school (transcripts take 3-4 weeks; please order immediately)

_____ Unofficial copy of GRE, MAT or TOEFL Scores

_____ Personal Essay Form – **(Did you sign your essay?)**

_____ **Copy of State Physical Therapy License**

_____ Names and contact information of at least two references who are licensed physical Therapists.

_____ \$25.00 application fee payable to ISU PT (**Application will not be processed if fee is not included.**)

_____ Computer acknowledgement as verified by my signature below

I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete and correct. I understand that my admission to the tDPT Program at Idaho State University, is based on the validity of these statements. I agree to abide by and be subject to all rules, regulations and policies of The Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy at Idaho State University.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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You must sign your legal signature at the end of the essay to indicate authorship.

(If you do not provide your signature – your application will not be considered for admission.)