ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor’s degree with an overall cumulative “B” average (3.0 or higher) from an accredited institution.
- Two recommendations (one from a practicing physical therapist and one from an academic professor).
- Test scores for the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (General Test), or equivalent e.g. MCAT, DAT, OPT test scores.
- For non-native speakers of English, a minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper-based examination, and a minimum TOEFL score of 213 is required on the computer-based examination.
- A personal statement.
- Knowledge of the profession through work or volunteer experience. (See “Clinical Observation” described on p.2)
- Academic Standards statement
- Office of the professions statement
- Essential Functions
- “Academic History Form” with the following requirements to be met:

Prerequisites

A. Biological Sciences: two courses (anatomy/physiology courses with laboratories would meet this requirement).
B. Upper level Science: one upper level course (300-400) of at least 3 credits with a biology focus. This course can be taken through another department such as Exercise Science or Kinesiology but preferably should be taken through a biology department. Examples of courses that would fulfill the requirement are: Neuroscience, Principles of Motor Control and Biology of Aging.
C. Physical Sciences: four courses:
   - two courses in general chemistry with laboratory (equivalent to 8 semester hours).
   - two courses in physics with laboratory (equivalent to 8 semester hours).

The minimal acceptable grade for each course in the above science prerequisites is “B” (Science GPA of at least 3.0 or better)

D. Psychology: three courses
E. Statistics: one course (content should include descriptive statistics, difference between two means, correlation and beginning concepts of analysis of variance.)

The minimum acceptable grade for each course in the above categories (Psychology and Statistics) is a “C” or better.

All courses used toward the minimum prerequisite requirements should be taken through appropriate departments, e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology.

All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the start of the Physical Therapy Program. All science courses must have been taken within the last 10 years of the date of this completed application. (continued on other side)
APPLICATION and DEADLINES. Please complete the entire application form and sign the personal statement. For early application review, the entire application, including an official transcript with Fall 2009 grades, must be received in the Graduate Admissions office NO LATER THAN January 15, 2010. While there may be slots still available after early admissions decisions are made, there is no guarantee. Deadline for regular admissions is March 15, 2010.

APPLICATION FEE. The $50 application fee must be a check or money order made payable to Utica College. DO NOT SEND CASH.

TRANSCRIPTS. Request your transcripts from each college or university that you attended (whether you earned a degree or not from that institution). Request the registrar(s) sign across the seal and mail the envelope(s) to you. DO NOT BREAK THE SEAL. If we receive a transcript that has been opened, the contents will not be accepted. If you need more than two transcript envelopes, please prepare them yourself. Only one copy of each transcript is required. Please be sure to include transcripts from all colleges and/or universities you attended, including Utica College.

Note: If a registrar refuses to send a transcript to you, have it sent directly to Utica College, Office of Graduate Studies, 1600 Burrstone Road, Utica, NY 13502. Please make a prominent note in your application if we are to receive credentials separately.

RECOMMENDATIONS. Give each person preparing a recommendation a form and an envelope. Request each to enclose the completed recommendation form in the envelope, seal it, and mail the envelope to you. DO NOT BREAK THE SEAL. If we receive a recommendation that has been opened, the contents will not be accepted. Two recommendations are required for admission. (One from a practicing physical therapist and one from an academic professor—See pp. 7-10).

Note: If a reference refuses to send a letter of recommendation to you, have it sent directly to Utica College, Office of Graduate Studies, 1600 Burrstone Road, Utica, NY 13502. Please make a prominent note in your application if we are to receive credentials separately.

Personal Statement. Write a one to two page, typed statement of your personal and professional goals as they relate to your graduate studies. (See p. 6)

CLINICAL OBSERVATION. Evidence of your knowledge of the profession through work or volunteer experience is important. A broad overview of the profession is preferable to experience in a limited area. More than one experience is required for a total of 40 hours with at least ten (10) of those hours in an acute care setting. Complete a Clinical Observation Form for each experience. (pp. 11-14-Two copies are enclosed, make additional copies as needed.)

ACADEMIC HISTORY FORM (See Admission Requirements for Prerequisite Courses—p.5)

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. Complete and submit. (p. 15)

OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS STATEMENT—Complete and submit. (p. 17)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS. International applicants must include an official TOEFL report indicating a score of 550 (213 on the computer-based examination) or above and an official academic transcript (course by course) evaluation from the World Education Services (www.wes.org). International applications are due to the Office of Graduate Studies by January 15th for early admissions, March 15th for regular admissions.

ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT. Upon acceptance, you will be mailed an acceptance packet. At this point, we will ask you for a $200 non-refundable enrollment deposit. The deposit is part of your tuition and is not an additional fee. When we receive your deposit, you will be eligible to register for classes.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION. Questions regarding financial aid should be directed to the Utica College Office of Student Financial Services (315) 792-3179. You can download a FAFSA form at this website. http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

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