Changes to University of Colorado PT Program prerequisite and other application requirements for Covid-19

Effective for the 2020-21 Admissions Cycle in PTCAS

Online and/or distance learning courses: As many undergraduate institutions have closed campuses and moved courses to online instruction, we will waive requirements for prerequisite courses to be completed in person and will accept spring and summer 2020 coursework that is delivered via online or distance learning to fulfill a prerequisite course requirements. In the event that an applicant was intending to take specific prerequisite courses on campus, and they are no longer available, we will consider waiving the requirement entirely with documentation that shows course cancellation.

Pass/Fail: As many undergraduate institutions have closed campuses and moved courses to online instruction, we will waive letter grade requirements for prerequisite courses, and accept spring and summer 2020 coursework that is graded on a Pass/Fail or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis to fulfill a prerequisite course requirement, particularly if the applicant was not given the choice to take the course on this basis.

GRE testing: With test facilities closed across the country and scheduled test dates canceled or postponed, we understand that this may have an impact on our last acceptable test date. At present, we are intending to maintain the date and will consider additional accommodations for impacted test takers later only in unique situations. We will now accept the new at-home GRE testing being offered by ETS in place of in-person exams. The applicant may decide which option may allow optimal performance. More information on the home GRE testing is available on the ETS website.

Transcripts: We will continue to offer admissions advice using unofficial transcripts. However, applicants will still be required to provide official transcripts as part of their application through PTCAS.

PT shadowing/observation hours: As applicants may have difficulty obtaining or completing shadowing experiences during and following this public health pandemic, we will accept
applicants who have at least 30 hours of shadowing* in at least two locations or settings. We prefer that the applicant attempt to shadow in different setting types and with different patient diagnoses, however, we are temporarily waiving requirements for the minimum number of 45 shadowing hours, as well as requirements for shadowing experiences in 3 settings, particularly in inpatient settings that may be more difficult to complete.

*Shadowing may include additional options outside of a clinical environment, including observation of telehealth sessions (at an appropriate social distance or via an online connection) and interviews with PTs about their work setting and the patient populations they treat. Documentation of interviews should follow the same process as for observation/shadowing in a clinical environment.

**Letters of Reference:** As many undergraduate institutions have closed campuses and moved courses to online instruction, we recognize that it may be difficult to obtain our required reference from a professor who knows you through in-person courses. Although references from professors who know you well are preferred, we will also accept references from instructors of on-line courses, assuming they know you well enough to complete the form and provide comments.