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Admission Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree with minimum 3.0 GPA
• Completion of 40-44 credit hours of prerequisite courses (see website for updated requirements at chs.utep.edu/pt)
• Official GRE scores
• Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended
• Must pass drug screen and background check

Application Process

• Applications must be submitted through PTCAS at www.ptcas.org
• Check department website for application deadlines and full list of requirements

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**Change Lives** – Physical therapists provide care for people with or at risk for injuries, illnesses, disabilities and other health-related conditions, and promote optimal physical function. Licensure is required in each state to practice.

**Job Security** – Bureau of Labor and Statistics estimates a **36% increase in demand** for PTs (2012 to 2022). Locally, Workforce Solutions Borderplex predicts an increase of 31%.

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- **Quality of Life** – located in the U.S. - Mexico border city of El Paso, Texas, which is ranked among the safest cities of its size and which offers opportunities for year-round outdoor activities

- **Diversity** – the country’s only doctoral research intensive university with a majority Mexican-American student body, supported by a highly diverse faculty - over 50% within the College of Health Sciences

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On the Forefront of Doctoral Education

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- First in the nation to integrate Spanish language training across the curriculum
- Low faculty-to-student ratio

Your Future – Our Mission

- Time to completion: 99 credit hours – 2.6 years with full-time study
- Licensure requirements: Graduates sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam and apply for licensure as a PT

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- UTEP’s tuition rate is consistently lower than the national average
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