

# Essential Functions

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Physical therapy students must be able to perform, with or without reasonable accommodations, each of these essential functions in order to fully participate in our program (including clinical experiences) and successfully complete the requirements for a doctorate degree in physical therapy. Applicants are asked to certify that they are able to complete each of these essential functions as a PT student with or without reasonable accommodations as part of the PTCAS application.

At the end of your PT education, do you believe you can complete these essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations?

- 1) Practice in a safe manner minimizing risk to patient, self & others;
- 2) Demonstrate professional behavior;
- 3) Practice in a manner consistent with established legal & professional standards;
- 4) Communicate in ways that are congruent with situational needs;
- 5) Adapt delivery of PT services with consideration for patients' differences, values, preferences & needs;
- 6) Participate in self-assessment to improve clinical & professional performance;
- 7) Apply current knowledge, theory, clinical judgment & the patient's values in patient management;
- 8) Determine the need for further examination or consultation;
- 9) Perform a PT examination;
- 10) Evaluate data from the examination to make clinical judgments;
- 11) Determine a diagnosis and prognosis that guides patient management;
- 12) Establish a PT plan of care that is safe, effective, patient-centered & evidence-based;
- 13) Perform PT interventions competently;
- 14) Educate others using effective teaching methods;
- 15) Produce quality documentation;
- 16) Select & analyze data from selected outcome measures;
- 17) Participate in financial management of PT service consistent with regulatory, legal & facility guidelines; and
- 18) Direct & supervise personnel to meet patient goals & expected outcomes.

Requests for accommodation should be directed

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