Graduate Entry Masters (GEM) in Physiotherapy
Information for potential applicants

Course code: MG-PHYTH
CRICOS code: 038783F
Duration: 2 years and 6 months, full-time only
Applications close: 26 August – late applications accepted until 31 August
Notification of acceptance: late October
Course commences: first week of January

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Deferment is only possible in exceptional circumstances.

We receive between 120 and 150 applications for approximately 25 places and the application process is competitive. We are looking for students who have a course weighted average (CWA) above 70, but also consider an applicant’s personal statement and references. We don’t distinguish between international and domestic applicants and there is no international or domestic quota.

Application requirements
1. A three-year bachelor degree or equivalent with a CWA of at least 70. Award certificate and academic transcripts (both sides) scanned from the original documents in colour are required. International students must provide certified copies of these documents: http://international.curtin.edu.au/apply/application-documents/
   Resumes are not required and will not be reviewed.
2. Three subjects (units) at Bachelor of Science (BSc) or equivalent (Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level 7) level: human musculoskeletal anatomy, human biology/physiology and health research methods or evidence-based practice. Study of psychology is desirable.
   Important: Any completed anatomy unit must only cover the musculoskeletal system (bones, joints and muscles), and not cells, embryology or a general overview of the whole body. We will not accept applicants who have completed anatomy units that only include two or three weeks on bones, joints and muscles, or online units with no laboratory content. You must provide University Unit Outlines (not a Word doc that is your own interpretation or a condensed version) for all three prerequisite subjects. Applications without the requested unit outlines will not be accepted.
3. A personal statement supporting your application that shows us who you are as a person, what you know about the profession and why you would like to become a physiotherapist.
4. Two written references.

First Aid, Aquatic Rescue and Criminal Record Screening
You do not need to satisfy the requirements for a Senior First Aid Certificate, Aquatic Rescue Award or criminal record screening at the time of application. These are required only if you are accepted into the program, and prior to enrolment in Semester 1 units.

Alternative entry pathways
Domestic students can complete the prerequisite units via Curtin’s Health Sciences Graduate Entry Foundation Course (EN-GEHLTH). Enrolment in this course does not mean you are enrolled in Physiotherapy or any other Health Sciences degree, nor does it guarantee you a place. It is also not the only method of satisfying the prerequisite subject requirements. For more information about the
foundation course visit: http://courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/undergraduate/health-graduate-foundation

The units that meet the prerequisite requirements are: Functional Anatomy (HUMB1002), Human Structure and Function (HUMB1000), Evidence Informed Health Practice (CMHL1001) and Introduction to Psychology (PSYC1000). Please note that HUMB1002 is only available in Semester 1 and that no other first year anatomy unit available at Curtin is accepted.

You can apply to the GEM course if you are enrolled in the three prerequisite subjects at the time of application and anticipate completion prior to GEM course commencement. An offer of place in the GEM course is conditional on the relevant units being completed with excellent marks.

Study Period 1
The first unit (HUMB5000) is a full-time, pass/fail unit that is completed in Study Period 1 and is essential to pass in order to progress to Semester 1. It is run within the school for seven weeks.

Differences between BSc and GEM
GEM students study alongside second-year BSc students. The content of the BSc and GEM courses is slightly different, however the final physiotherapy qualification is the same. Both degrees enable you to apply for registration with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

GEM students complete mandatory clinical placements during university breaks and on-campus attendance is required on most week days. Due to the intense work-load, we strongly suggest limiting any external employment during the GEM course. As the GEM is a postgraduate course, only full domestic fee-paying places are offered to domestic students.

Credit for recognised learning (CRL)
CRL for both courses is assessed on an individual basis once admitted into a course. CRL for GEM units will only be granted for subjects studied at masters level (AQF level 9), not BSc.

International students
Applicants with English as an additional language must achieve an IELTS score of 7.0 or greater with no band score less than 7.0, or equivalent, in order to meet the higher English competency requirement of this course. Overseas trained physiotherapists or those with physiotherapy degrees that do not allow registration to practice in Australia should apply to the abbreviated BSc (Physiotherapy) program (B-PHYTH).

Find out more
Due to the volume of enquiries received, we are unable to make individual appointments to meet with potential applicants, but the Course Coordinator and Director of Entry Level Courses will be available to answer your questions at Curtin Open Day: http://openday.curtin.edu.au/

For fees information and the forms required for application, please visit: http://courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/postgraduate/Master-Physiotherapy

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