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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION:

Accreditor: Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Carnegie Classification: Special Focus Institutions--Medical schools and medical centers

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

Date of Initial Accreditation: Bachelor's degree, February 1945 (no longer offered) Master's degree, April 1989 (no longer offered) Expansion of master's program (Pittsburg, KS), October 1996 (no longer offered) DPT degree, August 2003

Current Accreditation Status: Accreditation

Next Visit 2009

Five Year History: Accreditation

DEGREE CONFERRED: Doctor of Physical Therapy

GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The program is a full-time, eight-semester curriculum terminating in the DPT degree. A new class of 36 students is accepted in June of each year. There are no classes in the second summer semester; the program is complete at the end of the third spring semester.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Clinical experiences are interspersed throughout the curriculum beginning in the second semester and progressing to 4 months of full-time clinicals by the eighth semester. Opportunities in a variety of practice settings are offered throughout the world.

FACULTY:

There are 11 full-time core faculty and four part-time faculty members. All have PhD's except three who are currently enrolled in PhD programs. All have active research programs and several participate in clinical practice. There are 10 adjunct faculty in the department.

ENROLLMENT:

The total enrollment for the university is 28,000. The program accepts 36. Transfer students are not accepted.

ADMISSION:

Students must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or international university with equivalent requirements for the bachelor's degree. A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, all prerequisite courses, and in the math and science prerequisite courses is required A Graduate Record Examination minimum score of 450 in each section (verbal and quantitative) and a minimum of 4.0 in analytical writing is recommended. Prerequisite courses necessary for admission are as follows: Humanities: 2 courses in English composition and 1 course in

speech. Social Sciences: 1 course in each: general psychology, upper-level psychology, normal development, and sociology. Basic Sciences: 2 semesters in each: biology (w/lab), chemistry (w/lab), general physics (w/lab); and 1 semester in each: mammalian or human anatomy (w/lab), mammalian or human physiology (w/lab), and Mathematics: 1 course in college statistics and algebra/trigonometry or calculus or pre-calculus. Applicants must include written verification of 32 hours of observation in a physical therapy clinic, 16 of which must be in a hospital setting. Three personal references are required, and one of the three must be a physical therapist. Application packets may be obtained at our web site, www.pters.kumc.edu after July 1 of the year prior to the student's desired year of admission. Applications are reviewed as they are received through our rolling admission's service. Students accepted into the physical therapy program begin in June. 42.5% of qualified applicants are admitted to the program (3-year average).

OUTCOMES:

99.2% of admitted students graduate from the program (3-year average).

TUITION, FEES AND FINANCIAL AID:

Tuition for spring 2007 is \$227.05 per credit hour for in-state students and \$536.50 per credit hour for out-of-state students. There are 94-95 credit hours in the program. Health insurance is mandatory and is available through the university. Contact the Student Financial Aid Office at 913/588-5170. Deadline for submission of completed application for financial aid is March.

STUDENT LIFE:

Off-campus rentals are available for students. Student memberships are available at the Kirmayer Fitness Center, which has an indoor pool, track, and more. The Kansas City Metropolitan Area is recognized as the "city of fountains and parks." The Plaza Shopping Center is world renowned for its Christmas lighting ceremony. Bountiful entertainment, cultural facilities, and sports activities are readily accessible.

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