

NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PRACTICE

**INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM
CLASS BEGINNING 2010**

The Physical Therapy Program is a three-year full time program leading to the DPT degree. Tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$26,676. (Fees for health services, network and voicemail access, and student activities are separate). These figures are subject to change annually. Please refer to the budget information provided for the estimated cost of the program, including living costs, books, tuition and fees.

Students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States are not eligible for financial aid due to federal restrictions on funds. In addition, private loans, state funded aid or institutional loans, scholarships and teaching fellowships/research assistantships are not available. Therefore, it is important for international students to seek funds elsewhere.

International applicants must meet all of the admission standards of the College and the Physical Therapy Program. International students who apply for admission will be accepted only after providing evidence of their being able to pay tuition and fees for three years. Students must have funds to pay the tuition amount required at each registration. Students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States are not eligible for financial aid due to federal restrictions on funds. In addition, state funded or institutional loans and scholarships, teaching fellowships and research assistantships are not available. Therefore, the College must be assured that international applicants have sufficient support monies available in the United States to pay for tuition, fees supplies, books and living expenses as outlined in the budget section. This is required before their applications are reviewed and before a Form I-20 A-B is issued. An I-20 is issued to a student in F-1 status if the requirements outlined below are met.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FILES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLETE AND READY FOR THE ADMISSIONS REVIEW BY JANUARY 30th.

Qualified applicants who are presently living in the U.S., will be invited to visit the campus and to have a formal interview. Admission decisions will generally be made one to two weeks following the campus visit. If an accepted student requires an I-20 application, it will be issued after the student has made the required deposit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Official transcripts of all college courses, degrees, diplomas, and licenses are required. If the transcripts are not in English, certified translations must also be submitted. If originals cannot be mailed, we will

accept notarized photocopies. Transcripts, originals or photocopies, must be sent directly from the issuing school to the School of Health Sciences and Practice Admissions Office.

All foreign transcripts require grade sheets with an official evaluation of educational credentials and a conversion to U.S. credit hours and grades completed by a U.S. government approved evaluation service. A partial list of evaluation service organizations is included on PTCAS for your information. Please see webpage: <http://www.ptcas.org/Foreign.html>.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

Scores are required from all applicants who are in any of the following categories: a) those whose native language is not English; b) those from countries where English is one of the official languages, but not necessarily the first language of the majority population; c) those from countries where English is not a native language, although available as a language of instruction at all or some levels of schooling; d) those whose transcripts are not in English or from schools in non-English-speaking countries. Applicants must obtain a minimum eligibility score of at least 637 (PBT with a minimum score of 5 on the essay section), or 270 (CBT with a minimum score of 5 on the essay section), or 110 (IBT – no less than a score of 24 on each of the 4 sections). Scores must be received by the School of Health Sciences and Practice Admissions Office directly from the Educational Testing Service. The institution number to use for the test is 2592. For information, contact the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL), PO Box 6152, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000; telephone (609) 921-9000; e-mail: toefl@ets.org; website: <http://www.toefl.org>. If your previous test scores are two or more years old, you must re-take the test.

For information about the IELTS test, contact IELTS, Inc., 100 East Corson Street, Suite 200, Pasadena, CA 91103, USA; phone (626)-564-2954; fax (626)-564-2981; email: ielts@ceii.org; website: www.ielts.org.

NOTE: ECFMG ENGLISH TEST scores may not be substituted.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. A completed and notarized affidavit of support must be submitted, indicating the amount of funds that will be available from your financial sponsor to pay your tuition, fees, books, supplies, and living expenses for at least one year. The Affidavit must be signed and notarized within six (6) month of your starting date at the College. If you plan to support yourself, please send a signed, **notarized statement** indicating that you have, sufficient funds to pay your academic and living expenses for at least one year, and that you will be able to support yourself during the remainder of your academic program.
2. If the applicant is supporting him/herself or is supported by a sponsor, a letter from a U.S. bank indicating that the required amount is on deposit is necessary. Bank statements concerning stocks or value of property are **not** acceptable. If it is not possible to send a U.S. bank letter, a letter from a foreign bank may be acceptable.
2. **All bank and agency letters must be on official letterhead signed and dated by a bank or agency officer and notarized.** The officer's name must be typed on the letter under his/her signature. All money in foreign institutions must include a statement that there are "no restrictions on the transfer of funds to a U.S. bank" and that arrangements will be made to have the money available in the U.S. on or before the student's arrival.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

International students must present proof of hospitalization and medical insurance coverage that is acceptable to the College, or written assurance that medical coverage will be purchased through the College upon arrival. Most foreign students decide to purchase the College's Health Services and Hospitalization Plan, which in the 2009-2010 academic year is **approximately** \$3,602 per student and the family plan **approximately** \$10,250. If you currently have medical insurance that will cover you and your dependents during your attendance at the College, please forward a copy of the front and back of your insurance card, as well as a copy of your insurance policy.

***PASSPORT** – Student must provide copies of expiration page of their passport.

OTHER

International applicants, who so desire, must designate in writing permission for College officials to discuss their applications with a third party inquiring on their behalf. The name of the person must be indicated in the written permission.

International applicants in F-1 status applying to the School of Health Sciences and Practice, who have received a bachelor's degree from a U.S. or Canadian college must contact the International Student and Scholar Advisor, at 914-594-4846.

Credits from other colleges or universities may not be transferred to the Program in Physical Therapy.

VISA AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. International students who have been admitted to the School of Health Sciences and Practice are required to visit the Office of Admissions and the International Student and Scholar Advisor after their arrival on campus and before registration. They should bring with them their passports, I-94 cards and I-20 forms. Similar documents will be required for the spouse and dependents of the international student.
2. International students must be registered full time, maintain good academic standing and be continuously enrolled to maintain their visa status.
3. Health insurance costs in the United States are very high, and even a short illness can result in large medical bills. The College, therefore, requires that all international students and their dependents that are living in this country in F-2 status purchase adequate health insurance coverage. Health insurance can either be purchased directly through New York Medical College at registration or through another insurance company. The Office of Admissions must receive a photocopy of the front and back of the student's health insurance card.
4. International applicants who are in F-1 status studying in the U.S. at another school and want to attend the School of Health Sciences and Practice must fulfill all the application requirements outlined above. This includes provision of the financial documentation specified. Applicants should provide a copy of both sides of their current I-20 with their application materials. These students will be asked to sign a release of information form to be completed by the foreign student advisor at their current institution. As with international applicants from overseas, information on any dependents living in the United States

must also be provided. The applicant must have been enrolled full time at the school he or she was last authorized to attend during the term immediately preceding attendance or last preceding a vacation period.

5. International students who have been accepted to the School of Health Sciences and Practice and wish to defer their acceptance must pay the \$500.00 deposit first and then must send a letter of request to the Office of Admissions indicating the desired semester of enrollment. An *Affidavit of Support* (Form I-134) or other financial support statements and a U.S. bank letter must be updated if the original ones will be more than six months old at the time of registration. If a Form I-20 A-B was issued and not used, it must be returned to the Office of Admissions before a new Form I-20 A-B is issued. If the desired term of enrollment is more than one year from the first application, a new application and fee are also required.
6. Written acceptance of an admission offer, accompanied by a deposit of US\$500, must be provided to the Office of Admissions before a Form I-20 A-B is issued.

HOUSING

On-campus housing is currently available for single and married students on the Valhalla campus. The number of rooms/apartments available for School of Health Sciences and Practice's students is limited. Space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must be full-time (twelve credits) matriculants in order to be eligible for College housing.

Single students are housed in three-and four-person suites. Each student has a single furnished or unfurnished bedroom and shares a bathroom, living room and a fully equipped kitchen. The 2009-2010 housing charge for 12 months (includes \$200.00 deposit) is \$8,934 for single. Families are housed in one, two and three bedroom apartments and range from \$1,170 - \$1,395. These apartments are unfurnished. Housing charges vary based on the size and location of the apartment.

Off-campus housing will cost approximately \$950 - \$1,650 per month (excluding utilities of \$106.00), a month for an individual. Off-campus housing for a student is \$11,724 a year. Off-campus housing for a student, spouse and one dependent is approximately \$19,800 a year. The off-campus rates do not include a security deposit, which is usually one or two additional months rent due when signing a lease.

Information regarding off-campus housing in furnished rooms in private homes as well as apartment shares and full apartments is also available through the Office of Student Housing. Students living off campus will usually need one month's security deposit and one or two-month's rent upon signing a lease. It is advisable to plan to be in the College area for at least one month to locate and obtain off-campus housing.

A \$200.00 deposit is required to apply for on-campus housing. The signing of a 12-month housing agreement is required if an offer for housing is made. A *Student Housing Application* and detailed information is available from the Office of Student Housing.

TUITION, FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES SAMPLE BUDGET (Estimate based on 2009-2010 figures)

12 Month Budget for the 1st Year of the Physical Therapy Program:

TUITION	\$26,676
FEES (health services, network & voice mail access, student activities)	400
TELECOMMUNICATION FEE	316
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	1,702
FOOD	4,094
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (12 mos.) – (plus \$200 deposit) *	9,196
TRANSPORTATION **	1,456
HEALTH INSURANCE ***	3,322
MISCELLANEOUS (laundry, phone, emergencies, clothing)	3,306
DENTAL (optional)	126
TOTAL	\$50,670

12 Month Budget for the 2nd Year of the Physical Therapy Program:

TUITION	\$26,676
FEES (health services, network & voice mail access, student activities)	400
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES (subject to change)	854
TELECOMMUNICATION FEE	316
FOOD (subject to change)	4,094
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (12 mos.) – (plus \$200 deposit) *	9,196
TRANSPORTATION ** (subject to change)	2,882
HEALTH INSURANCE ***	3,322
MISCELLANEOUS (laundry, phone, emergencies, clothing) (subject to change)	3,306
DENTAL (optional)	126
TOTAL	\$51,172

12 Month Budget for the 3rd Year of the Physical Therapy Program:

TUITION	\$26,676
FEES (health services, network & voice mail access, student activities)	500
TELECOMMUNICATION FEE	316
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES (subject to change)	854
FOOD (subject to change)	4,094
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (12 mos.) – (plus \$200 deposit) *	8,996
TRANSPORTATION ** (subject to change)	2,798
HEALTH INSURANCE ***	3,322
MISCELLANEOUS (laundry, phone, emergencies, clothing) (subject to change)	3,306
DENTAL (optional)	126
TOTAL	\$49,608

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Information regarding off-campus housing in furnished rooms in private homes as well as apartment shares and full apartments is also available through the Office of Student Housing. Students living off campus will usually need one

month's security deposit and one or two month's rent upon signing a lease. It is advisable to plan to be in the College area for at least one month to locate and obtain off-campus housing.

If applying for on-campus housing, a yearly application fee of \$200.00 is required to be submitted along with the application. The signing of a 12-month housing agreement is required if an offer for housing is made. A *Student Housing Application* and detailed information is available from the Office of Student Housing – 914/ 594-4832.

**Students should include costs for automobile insurance, gasoline and maintenance.

***Cost for health insurance through New York Medical College; other plans vary. The family plan costs \$10,250 and includes the student, spouse and other dependents. This fee is subject to change annually. See additional sheet with information on the Student Health Insurance and Student Health Services which may be purchased through New York Medical College.