

Personal Statement Guidance Applicants who fulfil the minimum academic entry requirements for the MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration) programme will be forwarded to the next stage of the admissions selection process. At this stage the application form is read by a member of the Admissions Team who reviews the personal statement and references. The purpose of this is to select which applicants to interview. Your academic reference will be reviewed and deemed satisfactory or unsatisfactory. From the personal statement we are looking for information in five areas; if an area is not addressed in the personal statement it cannot be considered and this may significantly disadvantage your application. We therefore strongly advise you to include information from all relevant areas detailed below.

The threshold score above which students are called for interview may vary from year to year depending on the average score for that year.

1. Reasons for choosing physiotherapy

It is vital that you tell us why you wish to be a physiotherapist and explain your reasons. Remember there is no correct answer to this question.

2. Work experience

We look for applicants to have some knowledge of the wide range of physiotherapy specialities. We also like applicants to have undertaken work experience, such as shadowing a physiotherapist or work in another caring role. Tell us about these experiences. We realise that it can sometimes be difficult to arrange but remember that physiotherapists and other carers work in a range of settings including hospitals, community health centres, care homes, industry, and private practice. If you have been unable to get experience to date, tell us what you have done to find out about physiotherapy and any forthcoming visits you have arranged.

3. Interests/hobbies

We would like to know how you spend your time outside of work or study. Tell us why you pursue these interests or hobbies and if you have achieved any outside recognition e.g., awards. We realise that some applicants may have more opportunities than others to pursue a wide range of interests, however what we are looking at is how you utilise the spare time you have and what you have gained from undertaking these activities e.g., communication skills.

4. Humanity

As physiotherapy is a caring profession, we are interested in you demonstrating some caring experience that may or may not be physiotherapy related. Can you tell us about your ability to care and empathise and have you any practical evidence of this e.g., voluntary or charity work?

5. Teamwork and leadership skills

Team working is a critical part of the job in physiotherapy, whatever setting you work in and whatever role you have. Can you tell us about any experience you may have working within a team or undertaking a leadership role at work, school, or university? It is useful to provide examples of any other skills you may have developed.