

**Division of Physical Therapy
Department of Allied Health Sciences
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

**Policy on Deferral of Admissions
Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program**

Deferrals are considered on a case-by-case basis and are generally not permitted. Deferrals are only considered under extreme circumstances in which a physical illness/medical condition or military deployment precludes the student from beginning classes at the start of the academic year. In the case of a physical illness/medical condition, the request must be accompanied by a letter(s) from a physician(s), other appropriate health care provider (e.g. counselor, psychologist) documenting the conditions that prevent the student from beginning full-time studies. For military deployment, the request must be verified by the commanding officer. In making your written request, please explain in detail your reasons for seeking a deferral and your plans for the deferral year. Requests must be received by May 1 of the year in which you are to enroll. No more than one deferral for a period of no more than one year will be granted without requiring reapplication.

If an applicant seeks a deferral, it is necessary for the applicant to pay an enrollment deposit by the deadline indicated in the original admission letter and reply form. This enrollment deposit is nonrefundable and will automatically be applied towards first-semester charges at the University. Application fees for University housing and registration fees for orientation typically are nonrefundable after May 1 and may not be carried over to the following academic year. Merit- and need-based aid awards are not transferable, and reapplication for scholarship and student aid funds is required each year.

Applicants should address all correspondence regarding deferrals to the DPT admissions committee. The admissions committee will review requests and respond in writing.