**BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy**

**Interview instructions for applicants**

**These guidelines are for applicants who, as part of the application process for BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy degree, have been invited to attend an interview at the University of Suffolk.**

**Interview Day Schedule**

Please review your interview invitation to determine whether you have been invited to attend the morning or afternoon interview session. Please report to the **Waterfront Building** Reception for registration on the day.

**Morning interviews:**

Please arrive so that we can start promptly at 9am, we anticipate those attending the morning session will finish all interview activities by 12pm. The campus tour starts at 12pm finishing at 1pm.

**Afternoon interviews:**

Please arrive so that we can start promptly at 1PM, we anticipate those attending the afternoon session will finish all interview activities by 4pm. If you would like to attend the campus tour this starts at 12pm. To join the campus tour ahead of the Interview please arrive by 12pm.

The interview day will consist of:

* **A briefing of what to expect from the morning/afternoon** – we will let you know how the interview morning/afternoon will run, and we will allocate you your time for the multiple mini-interview, Q & A session and time of the campus tour during the briefing.
* **The interview itself is conducted via multiple mini-interviews.**  Our multiple mini-interviews will consist of two interview ‘stations’, at each of these stations you will be asked some questions by our interview panel.  Each station will have 2 interview panel members, and these will be comprised of Lecturers, Physiotherapists/Allied Health Professionals that work locally, service users and students currently studying at the university.
* **There will be a Q & A session** where we will answer any questions you have about the course, university, physiotherapy or anything else you would like to know.

**The Campus tour will include the University buildings** relevant to the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy course**.**

**Important Information**

* The elements of the selection process are designed to assess the following:
* Understanding of the role of a Physiotherapist and the wide scope of specialities we work in.
* Motivation and commitment to undertake the programme and to practice as a Physiotherapist.
* Understanding and application of the NHS Constitution and Values.
* Ability to meet the academic demands of the programme.
* Ability to fully participate in clinical practice placements

Applicants are strongly advised to gain experience of observing or working with Physiotherapists (or other health professionals) and we would recommend you visit a clinical setting prior to the interview; however, we understand that it is not always possible to be able to get work experience in a health or social care setting.

 If you have been able to gain some physiotherapy or healthcare related work experience, we do not require documentary evidence but as you can see from the list above, we want to be assured that you have a good understanding of the role of the qualified Physiotherapist and the wide scope within which we work.

If at this time you are unable to gain this type of work experience, then we would recommend you thoroughly research the physiotherapy profession (and the wide scope within which we work) and what working within a healthcare career would involve.

We would also expect you to be able to draw upon your wider experience relevant to this programme and be able to discuss how you can work with and care for other people.

**Suggested Resource List:**

You may find the following websites useful for your research:

[Information on being a physiotherapist - Degrees and Courses - NHS Careers (healthcareers.nhs.uk)](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/physiotherapist)

[Physiotherapist job profile | Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/physiotherapist)

[NHS Constitution for England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england)

In addition to the NHS constitution, applicants may wish to refer to current articles and reports in publications concerned with physiotherapy, and the care of the patient in a healthcare environment.

Some useful websites are:

[Student hub | (hcpc-uk.org)](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/students/)

[The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy | The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (csp.org.uk)](https://www.csp.org.uk/)

[NHS Constitution for England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england)

Note: These links are suggested as a general guide only and are not specifically endorsed or published by the University of Suffolk; this is also not an exhaustive list, and you should ensure that you prepare for the selection day fully through wider reading.

**Outcomes from the interview process could be:**

Offer: Conditional/unconditional | Alternative Course Offer | Reserve List | Reject | Gathered Field

**Question: What does it mean if I’m on a reserve list?**

**Answer:** If you have been offered a place on the 'reserve list', you will initially see a 'Reject' decision in your UCAS Hub and you will receive an email from the university offering you a place on the reserve list. If you would like to be on the reserve list, you will need to respond to that email to let us know. We may call candidates from the reserve list to offer a place on to the course any time from August until two weeks after the start of the course. Your place on the list will be determined by the score you achieved at the interview. The reserve list enables us to meet our commission numbers when candidates who accept an offer subsequently chose to withdraw or do not meet the conditions of their offer and their offer is withdrawn, so another space becomes available. Please note that we are unable to inform candidates where they are on the reserve list.

**Question: If I am on the reserve list, will I automatically get a place the following year?**

**Answer:** Unfortunately, no. Candidates accepting a place on the reserve list will need to reapply to be considered for a place the following year if they are not offered a place from the reserve list.

**Question: What does it mean if I’m in a gathered field?**

**Answer:** We use this approach due to the highly competitive nature of the application process for the Physiotherapy programme versus the number of places we have to offer on our programme. Once we have completed all of our interviews, we will notify all applicants as to whether or not they have been offered a place on the programme. We anticipate this would fall within March.

Feedback to those unsuccessful candidates is available on request via the Admissions office only. Please email admissions@uos.ac.uk and your request will be forwarded to the Admissions Tutor for reply.

We hope that you will find this information useful. However, if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Centre who will be able to direct you to the relevant person or team to help answer any questions you may have:

Telephone: 01473 338833

Email: studentlife@uos.ac.uk

If you have a specific question for the physiotherapy team, please contact: physiotherapy@uos.ac.uk

Finally, we look forward to speaking with you soon and wish you well in interview. Please give yourself the best chance of success, by ensuring that you are well prepared.

Best wishes on behalf of the Course and Admission teams

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