



Program Information

Program Name	Gannon University - Erie
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information

This page is intended for applicants completing their college degrees or who have graduated. High school students should contact Gannon's Undergraduate Admissions office. Gannon University undergraduate students DO NOT APPLY THROUGH PTCAS.

Gannon University Erie campus offers an entry level DPT program after the completion of 33 months of study (including summers). Building on the study of normal structure and function, the curriculum plan uses a theoretical base to build courses and learning experiences which prepare the student for the contemporary practice of physical therapy. Beginning with basic sciences, followed by clinical and physical therapy sciences, systems-based sequencing of the movement systems of musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiovascular, pulmonary and integumentary are presented. Elements of the patient/client management model including examination, evaluation, physical therapy differential diagnosis, prognosis, intervention, and outcomes are integrated into each of the clinical science courses. Both clinical science and research content are framed within an evidence based practice format, utilizing current scientific research in conjunction with clinical experience for a specific patient/client problem within the physical therapists scope of practice. Concepts between and within each course are cumulative, competency based, and continued enrollment depends upon mastery and use of previous concepts. Practical clinical experiences are integrated into the academic program to allow immediate application of didactic material. The Director of Clinical Education assigns students to clinical sites, based on student needs and learning goals. In addition to sites in the Erie and western Pennsylvania areas, the program offers over 300 clinical experiences at sites throughout the country. This enables the student to have the opportunity to practice with a culturally diverse client population and learn various physical therapy approaches from experienced clinicians.

MISSION

The mission of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Gannon University facilitates holistic patient/client-centered management related to movement, function and health. We prepare our graduates to be knowledgeable, service-oriented, reflective practitioners. Our graduates render evidence based, professional judgments concerning patient/client needs by virtue of critical thinking, interprofessional collaboration, lifelong learning, and ethical principles. They possess the intellect, psychomotor proficiency, leadership capabilities, and core values to meet the current and future needs of the profession, the health care system, and society.

OUTCOMES

Our students at graduation will be competent in patient/client centered care management for body functions, activity and participation related to movement, function and health.

Our students at graduation will demonstrate professionalism and ethical behavior in all aspects of the educational, community and clinical setting.

Our students at graduation will incorporate evidence based practice in clinical decision making.

Our students at graduation will be skilled in educating, collaborating, and communicating with patients/clients, caregivers, colleagues, payers and policy makers.

CURRICULUM

Program Information

Program Description	<p>1st Semester - Fall GDPT 811 Applied Anatomy 2 GDPT 818 Foundations in Human Movement 6 GDPT 814 Evidence-Based Practice 1 2 GDPT 815 Essentials of Physical Therapy Practice 2 GDPT 816 Community Health Initiative 1 1 GDPT 802 Foundations in Pathology & Medical Management for the PT 1 3 Total 16 credits</p> <p>2nd Semester - Spring GDPT 810 Health Care Systems & Policy 1 2 GDPT 822 Examination, Evaluation & Intervention for Musculoskeletal Movement Dysfunction of the Extremities 9 GDPT 825 Examination, Evaluation & Intervention for Musculoskeletal Movement Dysfunction of the Spine 4 GDPT 826 Community Health Initiative 2 1 GDPT 812 Foundations in Pathology & Medical Management for the PT 2 2 Total 18 credits</p> <p>3rd Semester - Summer GDPT 830 Health Care Systems & Policy 2 2 GDPT 831 Foundations in Geriatrics 2 GDPT 832 Clinical Experience 1 (10 weeks) 5 Total 9 credits</p> <p>4th Semester - Fall GDPT 821 Examination, Evaluation & Intervention for Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Movement Dysfunction 1 2 GDPT 841 Foundations in Pediatrics 4 GDPT 843 Examination, Evaluation, & Intervention for Neuromuscular Movement Dysfunction 1 4 GDPT 848 Neuroscience 5 GDPT 847 Clinical Synthesis 1 1 GDPT 844 Evidence-Based Practice 2 1 Total 17 credits</p> <p>5th Semester - Spring GDPT 823 Examination, Evaluation & Intervention for Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Movement Dysfunction 2 3 GDPT 850 Health Care Systems & Policy 3 2 GDPT 853 Examination, Evaluation, & Intervention for Neuromuscular Movement Dysfunction 2 9 GDPT 854 Evidence-Based Practice 3 & Guidance 2 GDPT 856 Community Health Initiative 3 1 Total 17 credits</p> <p>6th Semester - Summer GDPT 862 Clinical Experience 2 (10 weeks) 5 GDPT 867 Clinical Synthesis 2 1 GDPT 860 Health Care Systems & Policy 4 1 GDPT 866 Community Health Initiative 4 1 Total 8 credits</p> <p>7th Semester - Fall GDPT 873 Examination, Evaluation, & Intervention for Integumentary & Multi-System Movement Dysfunction 4 GDPT 870 Health Care Systems & Policy 5 2 GDPT 872 Clinical Experience 3 (8 weeks) 4 Elective 2-3 Total 12-13 credits</p> <p>8th Semester - Spring GDPT 882 Clinical Experience 4 (12 weeks) 6 GDPT 887 Clinical Synthesis 3 2 GDPT 886 Community Health Initiative 5 1 Elective 2-3 Total 11-12 credits Total credits 108-109</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	Yes
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No
Institution's Religious Affiliation	Catholic, Diocesan University

Program Information

Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	No
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2020
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	50
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	50
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	56%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	40%
% of INTERNATIONAL (non-U.S/non-Canadian) applicants accepted	4%
% Male	50%
% Female	50%
% Hispanic	2%
% Asian	6%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	88%
% Two or More Races	2%
Additional information about the class profile	Gannon University Erie Campus DPT program gives preference to qualified Gannon undergraduate applicants. Annually, approximately 50% of the cohort is comprised of external applicants.

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental fee amount	\$0
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No

Admission Requirements

Is GRE Required?	No
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type not accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type not accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type not accepted
Health Care Professional	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Number of references required by program	3
Additional information about program's reference requirements	In addition to an academic reference and a health care professional reference, a character reference is required.
Information about your PT requirements	PT hours are recommended to better ensure the applicant's understanding of the breadth of the profession. They are not considered in the application evaluation.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	200
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.50
MINIMUM GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.00
AVERAGE GPA Program-specific prerequisite	3.50

Admission Requirements

Program considers Canadian coursework?	Yes
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)
Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?	Yes
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, Canadian citizens, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens with a visa
Additional information about program's policy on foreign coursework	Evidence of English-language proficiency for academic purposes for students whose native language is not English and who want to begin their coursework for their degree upon arrival, may submit TOEFL scores, ELS Language Center level 112, or a minimum IELTS band score of 6.5, or a minimum Pearson Tests of English score of 53. TOEFL iBT – Minimum score of 80 for all applicants from non-English speaking countries. English translation is required for original foreign transcripts.

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
If you selected, 'Varies,' please describe	A bachelor's degree is required before matriculation into the DPT program, unless the applicant is part of a pre-arranged articulation agreement.
General Information	Anatomy and Physiology Courses must be completed at a four year degree granting institution and be an upper division course number. If the applicant has concerns about the course submitted, please submit a course syllabus for consideration by the Gannon Admissions Committee. NOTE: All prerequisite courses must be completed by June 30 in year of enrollment. A maximum of 6 Master's degree credits may be accepted for transfer as elective credits, if a grade of B or higher were achieved and based on program director approval.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	Yes

Anatomy & Physiology I

An upper level (200 level or above) human anatomy and physiology course is required. Human anatomy and physiology is the foundation of physical therapist's understanding of human movement dysfunction. Cadaver dissection is strongly recommended. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: Any • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

An upper level (200 or above) Anatomy and Physiology course is required. Human anatomy and physiology is the foundation of physical therapist's assessment of human movement dysfunction. Cadaver dissection is strongly recommended. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: Any• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Human• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Any• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular

Biology II

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Any• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular

Chemistry I

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.

Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I• Chemistry: Any• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II• Chemistry: Any• Chemistry: Biochemistry• Chemistry: Inorganic• Chemistry: Organic

Exercise Physiology

The examination of the human physiologic function and response to exercise is critical. Acute and chronic effects of various training/exercise programs are examined for their contributions to the improvement of performance in physical activity. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Recommended
Credits	SH: 3-4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise Physiology

Physics I

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics II

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Psychology

Behavioral or social science courses at a 200 level or above meet this requirement. Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Upper Division
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Adolescent• Psychology: Any• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports

Statistics

Coursework older than 5 years not accepted.	
Course Level	Introductory
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	SH: 3
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Biostatistics• Business: Statistics• Mathematics: Statistics• Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/26/2021
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	Jan 15 2021
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	No
Important dates	Not applicable.

Program Contacts

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