

Program Information

Program Name	Carlow University
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	1929
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Program Information

Per CAPTE: *"This program has begun the process toward accreditation by submitting an Application for Candidacy. A review of the Application for Candidacy is scheduled and a determination on candidacy is anticipated prior to their stated matriculation date. Submission of an Application for Candidacy does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved."*

Should the program not obtain Candidate for Accreditation status and not be eligible to admit students, applicants to the program will not be refunded the PTCAS application fee paid to apply to the program.

This page is intended for college transfer students and graduates ONLY. High school students MUST contact the institution directly for information about the guaranteed freshman-entry program. Do not apply using PTCAS.

Program Information

Carlow Physical Therapy program mission statement

Carlow physical therapy program strives to develop evidence-informed, critically-thinking, skilled practitioners and leaders who advocate for healthcare equity for all, serve their communities with empathy and compassion, and actively contribute to creating a just and merciful world.

Carlow Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Description

Become a competent and confident practitioner and health professional leader through Carlow University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

You will join a diverse group of aspiring physical therapists on a journey through our carefully designed curriculum that provides equal emphasis on the habits of the head (cognitive knowledge), hand (clinical skills), and heart (professional formation/responsibilities). It is well documented that historically, the health professions' education has placed emphasis on the habits of the head and hand (technical skill) but have lagged in the habits of the heart (non-technical skills). At Carlow, we believe that the non-technical skills are equally essential to your health professional training as the technical skills. It is the training in the habits of the heart that will allow you to act above and beyond your technical responsibilities and advocate for your patients.

As part of your training, you will participate in 4, full time clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings (hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers, sports medicine, pediatrics). Our clinical partners are both local and throughout the United States.

Program length: 8 semesters/33 months (including summer)

Total Credits: 115

Clinical Education weeks: 36 weeks

Number of Clinical Rotations: 4 (two, 6 weeks and two, 12 weeks)

Class size: 28

Intake: Fall only

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Curricular highlights - Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

1. **Receive a well-rounded, employable healthcare education:** With an equal emphasis on the technical and non-technical skills of healthcare practice along with the healthcare team-based, collaborative courses, you will be prepared to practice PT in a variety of healthcare settings.
2. **Learn in a team-based, healthcare model:** You will take several courses with aspiring nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, physician assistants, speech-language pathologists, and MBA students which will directly prepare you for collaborative practice.
3. **Practice in a simulation lab:** You will build confidence in your clinical skill through life-like scenarios in our hospital and ICU simulation lab
4. **Become proficient through clinical and field experiences:** You may choose a location on Carlow's campus, which provides access to a range of age groups, locally in Pittsburgh or internationally at one of our partner sites. All provide unique opportunities for you to fine-tune your clinical skills in real-world settings.
5. **Build your resume while in graduate school:** Through our dedicated teaching/learning lab, you will have the opportunity to offer pro-bono services for those in our local community. Not only will this build your resume but provide unique and valuable clinical experiences to elevate your skill.

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
Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	The sooner you apply, the sooner you receive a decision from us. Applications will be reviewed within 2 weeks and, for qualified applicants, an interview will be granted within a month. Acceptance decision will be shared within a month after interview is completed.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$\$500
Deposit Refundable?	Yes

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Additional Information about Refunds	Only if the program did not achieve candidacy status to launch the program in Fall 2023.
Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	\$113726
Total Cost of Education for out of State Students	\$113726
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	28

Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Is GRE Required?	No
Physical Therapist-1	Applicant must send one reference from this specific type of evaluator
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Applicant must send a reference from one or more evaluators in this category
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	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type not accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	Two Letters of recommendation with a narrative describing the following: ??? From a licensed physical therapist, you observed describing your passion for physical therapy and how our profession is a right fit for you and vice versa. ??? From an undergraduate counselor or professor who can describe your personal and academic abilities to be successful in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and become a licensed practitioner
Information about your PT requirements	While a set number of observation hours is not required, it is expected that interested students will have engaged in those opportunities to be able to articulate their interest in the physical therapy profession confidently and competently.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are highly recommended
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered

Admission Requirements

Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
MINIMUM GPA Overall Undergraduate Cumulative	3.00
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	Students must earn a minimum grade of "C+" in all prerequisite courses. Candidates must have completed the prerequisites within the last 10 years. We accept applications with prerequisites still in progress if we receive official transcripts showing successful completion (??? C+??? or better) prior to program matriculation.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
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, Foreign (non-U.S.) citizens, Other non-citizens (e.g., refugees)

Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a bachelor's degree. Prerequisites completed within the past 10 years from matriculation (Fall 2013 to current) C+ or better o One course in anatomy with Lab o One course in physiology with Lab Or two courses sequence in anatomy and physiology with lab o Two courses in biological sciences o One course in psychology/sociology C or better o Two courses in general chemistry with Lab o Two courses in general physics with Lab o One course in statistics
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No

Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&P: Advanced • A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P) • A&P: Human • A&P: Pathophysiology • A&P: Physiology • A&P: SEPARATE courses

Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Advanced• A&P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&P)• A&P: Human• A&P: Pathophysiology• A&P: Physiology• A&P: SEPARATE courses

Biology I

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A&P: Exercise Physiology• Biology: Advanced• Biology: Cell• Biology: Embryology• Biology: General• Biology: General I• Biology: General II• Biology: Genetics• Biology: Histology• Biology: Immunology• Biology: Microbiology• Biology: Molecular• Chemistry: Biochemistry

Biology II

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	
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Chemistry I

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry I

Chemistry II

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry II

Physics I

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics I

Physics II

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics II

Psychology

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychology: Abnormal• Psychology: Advanced• Psychology: Death & Dying• Psychology: Developmental• Psychology: General• Psychology: General I• Psychology: General II• Psychology: Growth & Development• Psychology: Human Behavior• Psychology: Life Span Development• Psychology: Psychopathology• Psychology: Rehabilitation• Psychology: Social• Psychology: Sports• Social/Behavioral Science: Advanced• Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology• Social/Behavioral Science: Any• Social/Behavioral Science: Community Health• Social/Behavioral Science: Criminal Justice• Social/Behavioral Science: Cultural Geography• Social/Behavioral Science: Ethnic Studies• Social/Behavioral Science: Human Sexuality• Social/Behavioral Science: Marriage/Family• Social/Behavioral Science: Personal Health• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Science• Social/Behavioral Science: Social Work• Social/Behavioral Science: Sociology• Social/Behavioral Science: Women's Studies

Statistics

Coursework older than 10 years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Applicable
Credits	
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology: Biostatistics• Business: Statistics• Mathematics: Statistics• Psychology: Statistics

Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	08/28/2023
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	May 15, 2023
Deadline Type	Final Deadline
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes

Program Contacts

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