

# PHYSICAL THERAPY

## — REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY ASSURANCE (CONDITIONAL ADMISSION) FOR DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM —

This fact sheet offers guidance on the process and requirements for those seeking early assurance (a conditional admission) to the Carlow University Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduate degree program. This opportunity exists for those who apply to Carlow as traditional first-time, first-year students and are admitted to either 1) the Pre-PT track in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) program, or 2) the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) program. These students will then be invited to submit a supplemental application for an opportunity to reserve a seat in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Those granted a reserved seat must fulfill specific requirements as an undergraduate student to maintain their place in the program, as outlined below.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@carlow.edu](mailto:admissions@carlow.edu) or +1 412-578-6059.

### ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

High school students applying to Carlow in their senior year must first be accepted to the 3-year Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (following the Pre-Physical Therapy track) or the 4-year Bachelor of Science in Public Health. Additionally, competitive candidates are likely to have taken 4 years of science and math in high school, including chemistry and physics. Successful completion of such courses will serve as a strong foundation for success in the undergraduate and graduate programs at Carlow.

+ To be eligible for an early assurance seat in the graduate program, students must:

- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.500, or
- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.250 and a minimum SAT of 1200, minimum ACT of 25, or minimum CLT of 78.

*Please note that students must possess the requisite GPAs both at the time of supplemental application as well as on their final high school transcript.*

+ Eligible students meeting the above criteria will be invited to submit a supplemental application, at which time the following must be uploaded:

- A personal statement responding to specific essay prompts. 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.
- Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a licensed physical therapist who the applicant observed or from whom the applicant learned about the profession. The other letter should be from a high school counselor or teacher describing the applicant's personal and academic abilities.
- Qualified candidates will be invited to appear for a virtual or in-person interview. Final decisions will be made based on the candidate's overall profile.

### UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to matriculating in the DPT program, those offered early assurance/conditional admission to the graduate program must:

- + Earn a 3.250 cumulative GPA by the second semester of their undergraduate degree and maintain it throughout the remainder of their program.
- + Earn a minimum grade of "C+" in all prerequisite courses.
- + Actively participate in regular advising visits with PT program faculty.
- + As a formality, complete a free application for admission to the DPT graduate program as they enter their final year of undergraduate study.

Students who do not maintain the necessary GPA or fulfill the above undergraduate requirements will lose their reserved seat in the DPT program. They will, however, have an opportunity to apply again during their final year in the undergraduate program.

*Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.*

*Carlow University is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program is planning to submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage, on December 1, 2022. Submission of this document 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/technical (DPT) phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional/technical (DPT) courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.*

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1; notification of early assurance seat/conditional admission by March 15

### PREREQUISITE COURSES

*Taken as part of the BSHS or BSPH undergraduate curriculum*

- + BIO-205 Anatomy and Physiology I
- + BIO-206 Anatomy and Physiology II
- + BIO-120 Foundations Cell and Molecular Biology OR BIO-110 Foundations in Organismal Biology
- + Upper-Level Biology Elective
- + CHM-111 General Chemistry I
- + CHM-113 General Chemistry I Lab
- + CHM-112 General Chemistry II
- + CHM-114 General Chemistry II Lab
- + PCS-201 General Physics I
- + PCS-203 General Physics I Lab
- + PCS-202 General Physics II
- + PCS-204 General Physics II Lab
- + MAT-115 Basic Applied Statistics
- + PY-101 Introduction to Psychology OR PY-122 Life Span Developmental Psychology OR PY-280 Cognitive Psychology

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