CARLOW UNIVERSITY

Devoted to the Future of You.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Become the Physical Therapist You Aspire to Be

Our Mission, Learning Outcomes, and Goals

More than a degree. A commitment to people.

At Carlow University, we prepare physical therapists who combine scientific knowledge, clinical excellence, and compassion. Our graduates are equipped to think critically, lead confidently, advocate for healthcare equity, and serve individuals and communities with empathy.

Rooted in Carlow's Mercy tradition, our mission is to help create a more just and merciful world, one patient, one community, and one act of compassionate care at a time.

Our Mission

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.

What Will You Become?

A Critical Thinker: Learn to evaluate research, apply scientific knowledge, and make evidence-informed clinical decisions that reflect each patient's needs and goals.

A Skilled Clinician: Develop the clinical knowledge, hands-on skills, and reasoning needed to provide safe, effective, contemporary physical therapy care.

A Compassionate Professional: Learn to see the person beyond the diagnosis, provide care without discrimination, and respect every individual's dignity, values, and circumstances.

A Collaborative Leader: Strengthen communication, teamwork, leadership, and advocacy skills to contribute to healthcare teams and the future of the profession.

Four Learning Outcomes. One Purpose.

By graduation, Carlow DPT students are prepared to:

1. Practice using evidence. Integrate research, foundational knowledge, clinical expertise, and patient preferences into clinical decisions.
2. Lead and collaborate. Demonstrate professionalism, communication, leadership, and interprofessional teamwork.

3. Keep learning. Participate in professional development and stay current with evolving practice standards.
4. Provide equitable, compassionate care. Serve every individual with empathy and without discrimination.

How Our Goals Shape Your Education

- Clinical excellence: Develop contemporary clinical competencies grounded in evidence-informed practice.
- Equity for all: Learn to provide respectful care regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or financial status.
- A broader perspective: Explore interprofessional collaboration, the liberal arts and humanities, and social determinants of health.
- A culture of scholarship: Learn in an academic environment where faculty service and scholarship contribute to professional growth.

Your Journey Starts Here

At Carlow, you will be challenged to think deeply, practice skillfully, and care compassionately. We want you to graduate not only ready to practice physical therapy, but ready to make a difference.

Bring your Head. Strengthen your Hand. Lead with your Heart.

Accreditation Statement:
The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Carlow University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditationsupport@apta.org ; website: https://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 412-578-6317 or email: dptprogram@carlow.edu

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