



# Doctor of Physical Therapy

**The CAPTE-accredited Doctor of Physical Therapy Program offers a challenging and caring academic community that prepares students to become compassionate and competent entry-level physical therapists.**

## The DPT program is well-suited for:

- Individuals who have a passion for the rehabilitation of people with functional limitations, wellness challenges, injury, and illness
- Individuals who have demonstrated mastery of human science prerequisite coursework, dedication to success, and excellence on the GRE
- Preparation to work as a licensed physical therapist in all therapy settings, including acute care hospitals, outpatient clinics, schools, and other rehabilitation settings, serving people of all ages with functional limitations, wellness challenges, injury, and illness

## Program Highlights

- **Smaller Classes**
- **No out-of-state tuition**
- **No Admission Interview Required**

## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAMS:

### TRADITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

- BS degree required
- Three-year, year-round program

### 3 + 3 PROGRAM

- Three years at any university OR apply to the WCU DPT program in November of the third year of college
- Two years at community college + one year at WCU or any other university
- Must have all prerequisites and GRE score  $\geq 290$  submitted by November 1. You may have two pending prerequisites and provide proof of enrollment for Spring term.
- If accepted, begin WCU DPT program in fourth year of college and receive BS degree from WCU in Health Sciences or Health Administration & Education at the end of the first year of the Physical Therapy program

### PTA TO DPT PROGRAM

- We are currently researching regional interest levels for developing a weekend bridge program from PTA to DPT. If interested, please [COMPLETE THIS BRIEF SURVEY](#) to be placed on our bridge program email list.
- Scholarship opportunities are available to those with a completed bachelor's degree who need to complete prerequisite courses for a bridge program.



## Admission Requirements

Admission to the DPT program is competitive in nature, and students with strong academic background are encouraged to apply. Students will be admitted to the program in the Fall trimester of each year, based on the following requirements:

- Completion of a **Baccalaureate Degree** (applicant's choice) from an accredited college or university OR be in the final year of undergraduate study OR apply under the 3 + 3 Program requirements.
- Completion of **Prerequisite Courses**. You may have two pending prerequisites by the end of the Fall term in which you are applying, to be taken in the Spring or Summer terms prior to enrollment.
- **Overall GPA  $\geq$  3.0 OR GPA  $\geq$  3.0 on the last 60 hours of graduate/undergraduate coursework.**
- Minimum of **20 hours of observation** under a physical therapist in two distinctly different settings (paid hours or Intern hours required for academic credit cannot be used). Must be verified and submitted electronically to PTCAS. *\*Waived for application cycle 2022-2023, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Observation hours encouraged but not required.*
- **Official GRE scores** (within last 10 years) including verbal, quantitative, and analytical by November 1st.
  - **Minimum score of 290 required for combined verbal/quantitative.** Submit to PTCAS using Institutional Code 7400.
- Completion of all sections of the PTCAS application.

## Prerequisites

- Anatomy and Physiology
  - One course in anatomy with lab AND one course in physiology with lab **OR**
  - A two-course sequence in anatomy and physiology, each with lab
- Two courses in biological sciences (not botany) with lab
- Two courses in general chemistry with lab
- Two courses in general physics with lab
- One course in psychology
- One course in statistics
  - All pre-requisite courses must have been completed within 10 years prior to application.
  - No more than 2 prerequisite courses can be outstanding at the time of application submission.
  - Applicants must have a grade of C or better in all pre-requisite course

**The Admissions Committee is seeking well-rounded applicants with good time management skills. Complete all sections of the PTCAS application to describe extracurricular involvement as well as academic performance.**

**Interviews** - The William Carey University DPT program does not require an interview as part of the admissions process. Prospective students are encouraged to schedule campus visits and attend DPT2B informational sessions to learn more about the program. Please contact Dr. Becca Fleming at [rfleming@wmcarey.edu](mailto:rfleming@wmcarey.edu) or (601) 318-6584 for an appointment if desired.

**Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Services (PTCAS) at [www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org) by November 1st. Use Institutional Code 7400. No documents should be sent directly to William Carey University.**

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