



PTA to DPT Bridge Program

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
- The PTA who wishes to advance their career by earning a DPT degree
- 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

- **Hybrid classes: in-person 3 weekends plus 1 week during term**
- **No out-of-state tuition**
- **No Admission Interview Required**

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PTA to DPT bridge 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 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
- **Current PTA license.** Must have graduated from a CAPTE-accredited PTA program.
- Completion of **Prerequisite Courses**
- **Minimum overall 3.0 GPA OR on the last 60 hours of graduate/undergraduate coursework**
- Complete **40 total hours of observation** under a physical therapist in two distinctly different settings. One of the settings must be an inpatient setting (acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, nursing home, and/or skilled nursing). Must be verified and submitted electronically to PTCAS.
- **Official GRE scores** (within last 10 years) including verbal, quantitative, and analytical.
 - **Minimum score of 290 required for combined verbal/quantitative.** Submit to PTCAS using Institutional Code 7400.

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 PTA to DPT bridge 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 Alicia Sumrall at asumrall@wmcarey.edu or 601-318-6288 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 by July 1. Use Institutional Code 7400. No documents should be sent directly to William Carey University.

Prerequisites

- Psychology – 1 course
- Statistics (math, psychology, or education) – 1 course
- Two biological science courses (*excluding botany and zoology*)
- Chemistry I and II – 2 courses in sequence
- Physics I and II – 2 courses in sequence
- Human anatomy (preferred) – 1 course
- Human/General Physiology (preferred) – 1 course
- **OR** Anatomy and Physiology I and II – 2 courses in sequence
- Medical Terminology (encouraged)

* Business Statistics will not fulfill the statistics course requirement.

* All science prerequisite courses must be for science majors and require a lab.

* No more than 2 prerequisite courses can be outstanding before the beginning of the Spring term during the application cycle.

* Applicants must have a grade of C or better in all prerequisite courses.

Current Plan of Study[†]

†WCU will transition to the semester system beginning with the Fall 2025 term.

	FALL	WINTER TERM I	WINTER TERM II	SPRING	SUMMER
Y E A R 1	DPT 5120 - Movement Analysis I (3 hrs) DPT 5200 - Anatomy I (4 hrs) DPT 5250 - Exercise Physiology (3 hrs)	DPT 5110 - Principles of Physical Therapy Practice (3 hrs) DPT 5130 - Movement Analysis II (3 hrs) DPT 5300 - Anatomy II (4 hrs) DPT 5700 - Foundations of Professionalism I (2 hrs)		DPT 5080 - Motor Control and Motor Learning (3 hrs) DPT 5140 - Movement Analysis III (3 hrs) DPT 5230 - Neuroscience (3 hrs) DPT 5970 - Experiential Learning I (2 hrs)	DPT 5280 - Evidence-Based Practice I (3 hrs) DPT 5400 - Therapeutic Exercise (1 hr) DPT 5500 - Clinical Decision Making I (1 hr) DPT 5600 - Medical Conditions (3 hrs) DPT 6100 - Neuromuscular Conditions (3 hrs)
Y E A R 2	DPT 5710 - Foundations of Professionalism II (2 hrs) DPT 6010 - Musculoskeletal Conditions I (3 hrs) DPT 6050 - Cardiopulmonary Conditions (3 hrs) DPT 6060 - Physical Agents (2 hrs) DPT 6500 - Clinic Decision Making II (1 hr)	DPT 6020 - Musculoskeletal Conditions II (3 hrs) DPT 6040 - Wellness and Preventive Practice (2 hrs)	DPT 6970 - Experiential Learning II (6 hrs)	DPT 6070 - Integumentary Conditions (3 hrs) DPT 6280 - Evidence-Based Practice II (2 hrs) DPT 6510 - Clinical Decision Making III (1 hr) DPT 7110 - Pediatric Conditions (3 hrs)	DPT 6030 - Musculoskeletal Conditions III (3 hrs) DPT 6080 - Disability through the Lifespan (2 hrs) DPT 6520 - Clinical Decision Making IV (1 hr) DPT 6700 - Foundations of Professionalism III (2 hrs) DPT 7280 - Evidence Based Practice III (2 hrs)
Y E A R 3	DPT 7970 - Experiential Learning III (16 hrs)		DPT 7010 - Service Learning (1 hr) DPT 7700 - Foundations of Professionalism IV (2 hrs) DPT 7290 - Evidence Based Practice IV (1 hr)	DPT 7500 - Adv Clin Decision Making (4 hrs) DPT 7600 - Leadership and Teaching Practicum (1 hr) Optional electives: • DPT 7780 - Advanced Geriatric & Neuro Rehab (1 hr) • DPT 7790 - Advanced Ortho, Sports, & Manual Therapy (1 hr) • DPT 7800 - Advanced Pediatrics (1 hr)	DPT 7980 - Experiential Learning IV (12 hrs)

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