ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION STANDARDS (DPT) 
FOR THE PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY AND DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROFESSIONAL PHASE

The Carroll University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program admits qualified students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin or disability that does not interfere with the performance of professional physical therapy practice as provided by law. Applications and credentials for admission to the physical therapy program must be submitted for processing to the Carroll University Office of Admission. As decisions are made on applications, applicants are notified through the Office of Admission.

DIRECT ADMISSION:
During their freshman, sophomore and junior years at the University, 3+3 direct admit students earn credits toward undergraduate degrees in existing Carroll majors which have a pre-physical therapy emphasis and participate in activities in the Physical Therapy Program. To advance into the professional phase of the program in their senior year, direct admission students must satisfy all of the following admission requirements below during their freshman, sophomore and junior years at the university.

CURRENT PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROGRESSION STANDARDS:
To progress into the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the fourth year of study (six-year, 3+3 cohort), Carroll University direct admit students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. A university cumulative and pre-professional grade point average of 3.0 or higher at the time of application and prior to progressing into the professional phase (including fall junior year grades) **NOTE: Beginning in the undergraduate 19-20 catalog and forward, 3.2 grade point average is required.**

   Pre-professional courses include:
   a. 4 semesters of college-level Biology, either BIO120/125 or ANP130/140 and ANP402/403
   b. 2 semesters of college-level Chemistry, either CHE101/102 or CHE109/110 or CHE 203/204
   c. 2 semesters of college-level Physics, either PHY101/102 or PHY203/204
   d. 1 semester of college-level Psychology, PSY101 or higher. Up to one additional psychology course, at a 200-level or higher, will be included in the pre-professional GPA calculation if completed.

2. A minimum course grade of "C" is required in all coursework used to calculate the pre-professional GPA.

3. A maximum of one course within the pre-professional GPA coursework (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology) may be a repeated and used in the pre-professional GPA calculation. Any Carroll undergraduate credit with an earned C, D, or F grade can be retaken at Carroll and will be used in the GPA calculations.

4. Successful completion of the following by the end of spring semester junior year. All items under a, b, and c below are due by mid-December junior year:
   - a. Graduate Studies Online Application for admission to progress into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Professional Phase.
   - b. Supplemental Application Materials, which include:
     i. Clinical Experience Documentation form(s): Participation in a minimum of two clinical observation experiences from two different types of physical therapy practice settings which include inpatient acute care, inpatient rehab/sub-acute rehab facility, nursing home facility/extended care, outpatient free-standing PT or hospital clinic, school/pre-school, industrial/occupational health, or home health. A Clinical Experience Documentation form must be submitted to the program and experiences must be completed under licensed physical therapists. Two different practice settings with a minimum of 16 total hours is required.
     ii. One letter of reference from a university professor
     iii. Safety and Technical Standards form
     iv. Application for Graduation: Carroll students must submit an application for graduation to the Registrar’s Office prior to the application for progression deadline to receive a graduation audit.
   - c. Official GRE scores: Carroll’s School Code is 1101 and Department Code is 0619
   - d. Carroll University General Education requirements, with the exception of CCS400 Global Perspectives Colloquium, which may be completed in Year I of the DPT professional phase.
   - e. Pre-professional prerequisite courses (see above for specific for course details). Test credits will not satisfy the natural, health and social science prerequisite coursework requirements.
   - f. Two semesters of Computational Thinking (CMP112/CMP114) or equivalent. Pre-PT psychology and business administration/health care administration majors may substitute CMP114 for PSY205 and BUS114, respectfully.

5. The CPR certification must be either American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers or American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. Certification for American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid is occasionally available on campus to Carroll University students. First Aid certification must be through an organization recognized as a valid issuer of certification such as the American Red Cross or American Heart Association. Copies of your CPR and First Aid certifications are to be submitted to the program and experiences must be completed under licensed physical therapists. Two different practice settings with a minimum of 16 total hours is required.

6. Physical therapy professional phase students are required to have completed a health screening, updated immunizations and tuberculosis screening according to current Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for health professionals, criminal background investigation and drug screening as required by clinical internship placement sites.

7. All bachelor degree requirements must be completed by the end of Year I of the professional phase of the DPT program.

8. Admission and progression standards are subject to change based on regulatory, licensing, and/or certification needs.

If, for any reason, a direct admit student does not advance into or withdraws from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, career services and counseling through the Career Center and Advising Office is available. Any direct admit student who withdraws from the program during his/her freshman, sophomore or junior year must inform the program director in writing and complete a new major, minor declaration form in the Registrar Office.