Non-discrimination Policy
It is the policy of Gannon University to affirmatively implement equal opportunity to all qualified applicants and existing students and employees. In administering its affairs, the University shall not discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited by law. All aspects of employment including recruitment, selection, hiring, training, transfer, promotion, termination, compensation and benefits conform to this policy. All aspects of student affairs and education of students including recruitment, admissions, financial aid, placement, access to facilities, student discipline, student life and student employment conform to this policy. Questions or inquiries regarding the University’s policy should be directed to the Director of Human Resources, Gannon University, 109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541-0001; phone (814) 871-5615.

Advocate for Campus Accessibility
Dr. Harvey Kanter is the 504/ADA coordinator for students who are impaired in ways requiring accommodation of facilities, programs, or services of the University. Students seeking information or assistance in any matter regarding accessibility or accommodations should contact him at (814) 871-5522 promptly upon admission to the University.

Gannon University pursues a policy of non-discrimination in all activities and programs under its sponsorship. Gannon University makes all decisions regarding selection for admission, financial assistance to students, application for employment, and all other personnel actions without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability as defined by law. Questions or inquiries regarding the University’s non-discrimination policy should be directed to the Director of Human Resources, Gannon University, 109 University Square, Erie, Pennsylvania 16541-0001; Phone (814) 871-5615.
Introduction
Physical Therapy is a health care profession that primarily focuses on the preservation, development, and restoration of optimal function. Physical therapists provide evaluative, rehabilitative, and preventive health care services designed to alleviate pain; prevent the onset and progression of impairment, functional limitation, disability resulting from injury, disease, or other causes; and restore, maintain and promote overall fitness, health and optimal quality of life. Physical therapists work with individuals of all ages who demonstrate movement dysfunction, or the potential for such dysfunction, of the neurological, musculoskeletal, sensorimotor, and cardiopulmonary systems.

Physical therapists practice in a hospital setting, or provide services in out-of-hospital settings through home health agencies, in nursing homes, in industrial settings, through public health agencies, in private physical therapy clinics, in public schools and in a variety of other nontraditional settings.

Mission
The mission of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Gannon University is to graduate knowledgeable, service-oriented, self-assured, adaptable, reflective practitioners who, by virtue of critical and integrative thinking, commitment to lifelong learning, and ethical values, render independent judgments concerning patient/client needs that are supported by evidence. Graduates possess the intellectual capacity and psychomotor proficiency to meet the current and future needs of the profession and health care system through the provision of culturally sensitive patient/client-centered care for the diagnosis of, intervention for, and prevention of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities related to movement, function, and health.

Curriculum
The Gannon University DPT program is a 32 month program. Building on the study of normal structure and function, the problem-oriented curriculum presents the clinical art and science of physical therapy in an integrated manner organized around body systems. Practical clinical experiences are integrated into the academic program at the completion of major areas of study on a nontraditional schedule. The academic clinical coordinator assigns students, based on student learning needs, to clinical sites. In addition to sites located in the Erie and western Pennsylvania areas, the program offers clinical experiences at sites throughout the United States and Canada. Students must be prepared to go out of the Western Pennsylvania area for at least three of the four clinical experiences.

Accreditation
The physical therapy educational program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Strengths
Only a small percentage of physical therapists in the American Physical Therapy Association are board-certified clinical specialists. Gannon physical therapy instructors boast certified clinical specialization in orthopedics, neurology, pediatrics, geriatrics and cardiopulmonary.

The Physical Therapy program has over 200 clinical affiliations with physical therapy facilities in the country. This enables the student to have the opportunity to practice with a culturally diverse client population and learn various physical therapy approaches from experienced clinicians.

Gannon University's DPT problem-oriented curriculum is designed to allow immediate application of didactic material by integrating practical clinical experiences throughout the program. Clinical exposure starts with the first full-time clinical experience occurring after only two semesters of classroom work.

Licensure
To achieve licensure as a physical therapist, program graduates must successfully complete and pass a comprehensive licensure examination administered by each state.

To practice as a physical therapist in the US, many states require a clean criminal record with no misdemeanors or felonies. Individuals with criminal records should contact the physical therapy licensing board of the state where they would like to practice prior to applying for admission to a DPT program so that they may fully inform themselves of any restrictions that may apply to them.

Graduate Assistantships
Gannon University has several graduate assistantships including positions for certified athletic trainers, anatomy assistants, and program development assistants (second year students only). Graduate assistants receive a partial tuition waiver and a stipend.
Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Cumulative prerequisite course Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale). No grade below a “C” will be accepted
- Overall undergraduate QPA of 3.00 or better (4.0 scale)
- Demonstration of the ethical, personal and professional qualities to fulfill the role of the physical therapist as determined by review of the applicant’s references
- TOEFL - Minimum score of 550 for all applicants from non-English speaking countries
- The application review process begins on November 1. All applications must be postmarked by January 15. Applications postmarked after January 15 will be processed on a space available basis
- Meet Essential Functions

Prerequisite Requirements

Prerequisite Course Requirements for entry into the DPT program include the following:

Psychology (200 level or above) .................. 1 semester
Statistics .............................................. 1 semester
Human Anatomy with Lab ..................... 1 semester (cadaver dissection recommended; 200 or 300 level course required at 4 year degree granting institution)
Human Physiology with Lab .................... 1 semester
Exercise Physiology (lab recommended) ... 1 semester
Physics with Lab ..................................... 2 semesters
Biology .............................................. 2 semesters
Chemistry............................................. 2 semesters

Important Notes Regarding Prerequisites:
- The foregoing requirements cannot be waived
- Prerequisites must be completed within the five years preceding entrance to the graduate program
- Prerequisites must be completed by June 30 of year of expected start date

Recommended Courses:
- Social Science - at least two additional semesters in social sciences (i.e., sociology, social psychology)
- Kinesiology with lab

Communication:
Practice as a health care professional requires the ability to communicate both orally and in writing. The Physical Therapy program stresses communication and expects enrolled students to demonstrate graduate level competence in written as well as verbal communication.

Class Profile (Class Entering in 2013)

- Overall Grade Point Average ....................... 3.59
- Prerequisite Grade Point Average ................. 3.43

Graduate Course Requirements*

1st SEMESTER – FALL
Pathology .............................................. 3
Applied Anatomy ................................... 2
Foundations in Human Movement with Lab ....... 6
Evidence-Based Practice I ......................... 2
Essentials of Physical Therapy Practice .......... 2
Community Health Initiative I ..................... 1

Total 16

2nd SEMESTER – SPRING
Health Care System & Policy I ................. 2
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Musculoskeletal Movement Dysfunction of the Extremities .......... 9
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Musculoskeletal Movement Dysfunction of the Spine .......... 4
Community Health Initiative II ................. 1
Pharmacology ......................................... 1

Total 17

3rd SEMESTER – SUMMER
Health Care System & Policy II ................. 2
Foundations in Geriatrics ......................... 2
Clinical Practicum I (10 weeks) ................. 5

Total 9

4th SEMESTER – FALL
Foundations in Pediatrics ......................... 4
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Neuromuscular Movement Dysfunction I with Lab ....... 4
Neuroscience with Lab ......................... 5
Clinical Synthesis I ................................. 1
Evidence-Based Practice II ..................... 1
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Dysfunction I .......... 2

Total 17

5th SEMESTER – SPRING
Examination, Evaluation and Intervention for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Dysfunction II ................. 2
Health Care System & Policy III ................. 2
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Neuromuscular Movement Dysfunction II with Lab .......... 9
Evidence-Based Practice III & Guidance .......... 2
Community Health Initiative III ................. 1

Total 16

6th SEMESTER – SUMMER
Clinical Practicum II (10 weeks) ................. 5
Clinical Synthesis II ................................ 1
Health Care System & Policy IV ................. 1
Community Health Initiative IV .................. 1

Total 8

7th SEMESTER – FALL
Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention for Integumentary & Multi-System Movement Dysfunction .......... 4
Health Care System & Policy V ................. 2
Clinical Practicum III (8 weeks) ................. 4
Elective ............................................. 2-3

Total 12-13

8th SEMESTER – SPRING
Elective ............................................. 2-3
Clinical Practicum IV (12 weeks) ................. 6
Clinical Synthesis III ................................ 2
Community Health Initiative V .................. 1

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TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 107-108

* Subject to change
Graduate Assistantships
Gannon University has several graduate assistantship positions for certified athletic trainers and for students interested in assisting with the laboratory courses in anatomy. Students receive a partial tuition waiver and stipend. Students must be pursuing a graduate degree in Physical Therapy at Gannon. The graduate assistantships provide a unique opportunity to earn a degree in Physical Therapy while gaining experience in athletic training or laboratory assistance.

Federal Direct Student Loan (FDSL)
Full and part-time (6 credits or more) graduate students are eligible to apply for the student loan. Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have a FDSL Master Promissory Note on file. The FAFSA form is available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FDSL MPN is available online at: www.studentloans.gov.

Students may be eligible to borrow up to $20,500 per academic year, depending on the number of credits and financial need. Students must successfully complete 18 credits in order to be eligible for the next increment of $20,500. Please refer to www.studentloans.gov for repayment terms, loan limits, and interest rates.

Please Note: Graduate students are not eligible for PHEAA or PELL grant.

Other Aid
The Financial Aid Office also acts as a resource center for other forms of financial aid. Listings of outside scholarships, sponsorships and loans are available. We also have listings of private sector part-time employment opportunities. These resources fluctuate and vary based on the time of year and the needs of the sponsors and employers. Contact the Gannon Financial Aid Office at (814) 871-7337, or toll free at (800) GANNON-U, for additional information.

Veterans Benefits
Information regarding Veterans benefits may be obtained by calling the Veterans Affairs Office at (814) 871-7483, or toll free at 800-GANNON-U, ext. 7483.

Tuition and Fees
2014-2015 Academic Year
Tuition for Physical Therapy
(10 credits or more) $15,135/term
(less than 10 credits) $8,425/term
Application Fee $50
University Fee (full-time) $215/term
(part-time) $18/credit
Graduation Fee $80
Late Registration Fee $50–100

Please refer to the semester schedule or your tuition bill for the late fee policy. A late fee will be charged to all students, including those receiving employee reimbursement, regardless of when the first class is held, if payment is not made by the due date. Your bill must be returned to the Cashier’s Office to finalize your enrollment and confirm your intention to attend, even if no payment is required or credit is due. This process lets Gannon know you will attend!

Deferred Payment Policy
• The maximum amount considered for deferment is $2,500 (no less than $100.00 may be deferred per semester).
• A down payment of 25% or more of the unpaid balance is due at the time of registration.
• A $30.00 processing fee will be charged.
• Payments are due in three equal installments as follows:
  Fall: September 20, October 20, November 20
  Spring: February 20, March 20, April 20
• Deferred payments may be arranged for Fall and Spring semesters only.
• Deferred payments may be arranged by using the form on the reverse side of the bill, or in person in the Cashier’s Office or the Center for Adult Learning.

Academic Scholarships
Twenty academic scholarships will be awarded to the applicants with the highest grade point averages. Each scholarship is $500 per semester for six of the eight semesters of the program. Students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.30 in the DPT program to continue receiving the award. The scholarship is not awarded for the summer semesters.
# Doctor of Physical Therapy Admissions Application

## Application Instructions

1. The application review process begins on November 1. All applications must be postmarked by January 15. Applications postmarked after January 15 will be processed on a space available basis.
2. Return the completed application with the $50.00 application fee in the envelope provided. Make check payable to Gannon University.
3. All applicants must request an official transcript from all colleges and universities previously attended, be forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Office.
4. Three letters of recommendation must be forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Office for all applicants. Please use the recommendation forms enclosed.
5. Complete and return the Self-Report Transcript Evaluation Form with the application.

6. Please note that the program begins in late August.

7. English Language Proficiency- Students whose native language is not English and who intend to begin their degree immediately, must demonstrate English language proficiency with the following documentation: a minimum TOEFL iBT of 79, a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or clearance of ELS level 112 (or comparable campus-based program). Students who do not have the minimal proficiency will be tested upon arrival and placed, if necessary, into Gannon’s English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) program in order to attain the requisite English-language proficiency. Students who are required to take ESL courses must successfully complete the ESL program before being completely transitioned into a degree seeking program.

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## First Name Middle Name Last Name

**Start Term: Fall 20**

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### Citizenship/Language (Check One)

- **U.S. Citizen**
- **Dual U.S. Citizen**
- **U.S. Permanent Resident: Visa Type Alien Registration #**
- **Other Citizenship: Visa Type Country of Citizenship Country of Birth**

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*Please have official copies of all college transcripts forwarded directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Gannon University, 109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541-0001.*
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References

List the names and positions of the three persons from whom you will request letters of recommendation. One should be an academic reference, one a health professional reference, and one a character reference.

Academic Reference

Health Professional Reference

Character Reference

Ethnicity/Race (Optional; this information is for statistical purposes only and has no bearing on admission to the University.)

Are you Hispanic/Latino? □ Yes □ No

Check the following race(s) that apply to you:

□ American Indian or Alaska Native □ Black or African American □ White
□ Asian □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Religious Affiliation (Optional; this information is for statistical purposes only and has no bearing on admission to the University.)

□ Roman Catholic □ Greek Catholic □ Greek Orthodox □ Jewish □ Baptist
□ Episcopal □ Lutheran □ Methodist □ Presbyterian □ Other: __________________________

Additional Personal Information (Check if applicable.)

□ Currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (for purposes other than training) □ Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime? □ Yes □ No

My signature below indicates all information in my application is complete, accurate and honestly presented. All records submitted become property of Gannon University and cannot be returned to the applicant nor forwarded to a third party. I am also granting Gannon University permission, if necessary, to request any missing credentials and verify that all information is correct. I understand any misrepresentation may void my application.

Signature          Date
# Doctor of Physical Therapy
## Self-Report Transcript Evaluation

### Instructions

Please indicate when and where you have taken or are taking each prerequisite, the number of credits (CR) for the course, grade (GR) received and quality points (QP) received. All prerequisites taken to date must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for the DPT Program. No grade below a “C” will be accepted. **Prerequisites must be completed within the five years preceding entrance to the graduate program.** Prerequisites taken prior to that time will not be accepted and must be repeated for credit. Please leave grade and quality point columns blank for courses that have not been completed.

### Prerequisite Coursework

*Please see reverse for course descriptions.*

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### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Overall GPA: [Blank]  Prerequisite GPA: [Blank]

Verified: ____________________________
Prerequisite Course Descriptions

Listed below are sample course descriptions for the prerequisites required for physical therapy.

Prerequisites must be completed within five years preceding entrance to the graduate program. Courses taken prior to that time need to be repeated for credit.

Human Anatomy (Gross Anatomy)
This course, along with Human Anatomy Lab, is designed for students in the Medical and/or Health Programs. The course takes a functional approach to the anatomy of all the systems of the human body. This is an upper level course requiring prerequisites in the biological sciences. The course must be taken at a four year degree granting institution at a 200 level or above.

The physical therapy faculty recommend that Human Anatomy be taken within one year preceding entrance into the graduate program. The physical therapy faculty have an expectation that students entering the graduate program will have a working knowledge of human anatomy, particularly of the neuromusculoskeletal and cardiopulmonary systems, as the system courses taken during the graduate program are structured around the students having a strong foundation in anatomy.

Human Anatomy Lab
This lab course complements and enhances the Human Anatomy lecture course through the study of the human cadaver (either dissected or prosected parts). Models and computer programs are accepted; however, a human cadaver is preferred.

Human Physiology
This course is designed for students in the Medical and/or Health Programs, dealing primarily with the function (physiology) of the human body with special emphasis placed on the circulatory, endocrine, and nervous systems. This is an upper level course requiring prerequisites in biology and chemistry.

Human Physiology Lab

Psychology
Behavioral or social science courses at the 200 or 300 level meet this requirement.

Physiology of Exercise and Sport
An examination of the human physiological function as it relates to stresses created by various sport and other physical activities. Acute and chronic effects of various training programs are examined for their contribution to the improvement of performance in sport and physical activity.

Physics I and II
An introduction to mechanics, sound, fluids, electricity and magnetism, heat and optics with experimental verification of the fundamental laws of physics, an introduction to basic laboratory methods, including an introduction to error analysis. (2 semesters)

Physics Lab I and II

Biology (2 semesters)
These two semesters may be any prerequisite biology course taken in preparation for Human Anatomy and Human Physiology.

Chemistry (2 semesters)
These two semesters should include a review of basic theories and general principles of chemistry.

Statistics
An introduction to frequency distributions, sampling distributions, T-tests, analysis of correlation, and linear regression. Please note that the Admissions Committee does not recommend a Business Statistics course.
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Recommendation Form

To Applicants:
We ask that you provide three references according to the following guidelines:
1. A health care professional reference (i.e., therapist, nurse, or other licensed health care professional)
2. An academic reference (professor who has taught you one or more upper level courses, or advisor)
3. A character reference
Please complete the top portion of this form before requesting a reference.

First Name Middle Name Last Name Social Security Number
Address (Number and Street) City State Zip/Postal Code
Applicant's Degree Granting School

Waiver of Access
I have requested that this report be filed by school officials for use in the admissions process by officials of Gannon University. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I have indicated my intention regarding access to these reports by checking one of the following options:

- I waive access to this report which shall therefore be considered confidential.
- I do not waive access to this report.

Signature Date

To Person Providing the Reference:
The information that you supply concerning this applicant will be used in the screening and final ranking of applications. No application will be considered without this information. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please return this completed form to: Office of Graduate Admissions, Gannon University, 109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541-0001.

Note: If the student has agreed to the waiver printed above, we will preserve the strict confidentiality of this document and it will be made available only to University officials. If the student has not agreed, this report will be made available to the student upon request, if the student matriculates at Gannon University.

Name Title
Place of Employment Phone Number (Including Area Code)

How long have you known the applicant? ______________________

In what capacity do you know the applicant? ______________________

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Note: The following is intended merely as a guideline. We are much more interested in a complete report of whatever you deem important than in a specific format. If you would prefer to send your report in another form (for example, a letter or photocopied summary), please feel free to do so.

In your opinion, how well does the student qualify for success in graduate school in the following areas?

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