

Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Entry-level Residential Program

A.T. Still University

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a renowned healthcare education and training university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary whole-person healthcare. ATSU's schools include the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), and the online School of Health Management (SHM).

Arizona School of Health Sciences

The Arizona School of Health Sciences, located in Mesa, Ariz., offers doctoral and master of science degrees in a wide range of healthcare disciplines and strives to advance healthcare by educating compassionate, competent healthcare professionals. The school's interdisciplinary and technology emphasis, with incorporation of a philosophy of wholeness and treatment of body, mind, and spirit, creates an excellent professional educational environment.

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Physical therapy encompasses examination, treatment, and instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain from injury, disease and any other bodily and mental conditions. Within these areas, physical therapists may offer clinical services, administer and manage practice settings, participate in research, and serve as consultants and educators.

The Curriculum

The Physical Therapy Residential Program is an entry-level doctoral program three years in length. The program requires full-time attendance and includes supervised clinical internships. Courses are designed with emphasis on both a strong academic foundation and clinical practice. Class sizes allow faculty and staff to work closely with students to help them develop the professional attitudes and clinical problem-solving skills necessary for optimum patient care. Graduation from the Physical Therapy Residential Program requires completion of didactic and clinical coursework, as well as a terminal project. Upon graduation, students are awarded the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree. Physical therapy students receive their basic and clinical science education in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. Clinical education is completed in healthcare facilities throughout Arizona and selected sites outside Arizona.

Requirements for Admission

Each applicant must submit information fulfilling the following:

1. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.70 cumulative GPA and a 2.70 pre-requisite GPA (on a 4.00 scale).
2. Applicants are required to submit official GRE scores. Any scores older than three years prior to the matriculation year will not be accepted. The GRE Code for ASHS is 3743. (There is no department code.)
3. References from: a) a present or former science faculty member, academic advisor or employer b) a professional from the physical therapy field sent directly to PTCAS
4. Applicants are required to obtain a minimum of 30 contact hours in various physical therapy fields prior to application.
5. Applicants are expected to be computer literate and experienced in word processing. All curricula require extensive computer usage. Accepted applicants are required to have a laptop computer prior to the first day of class.
6. Students must obtain and maintain CPR certification. American Heart Association or American Red Cross certifications are accepted.
7. Applicants are required to submit to a criminal background check at their own expense.
8. Applicants are required to participate in an applicant interview process. Personal interviews are conducted both on site and by telephone.

9. Prerequisite Courses – Each student must submit proof of satisfactory completion (before matriculation) at a minimum grade of “C” for each of the following courses (Students may contact the physical therapy department for information on specific courses, which meet these requirements or equivalent courses):
- Human Anatomy and Human Physiology – one year lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Biology/Zoology – two courses lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - General Chemistry – one year lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Physics – two semesters lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Psychology – three courses that must include both abnormal psychology and developmental/child psychology, minimum 9 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Statistics – one course, minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter hours
 - Recommended courses
 - Exercise physiology
 - Technical writing

2009 Entering Class

Average Age	
Average Cumulative GPA	3.41
Average Science GPA	3.27
Average Verbal GRE	412
Average Quantitative GRE	577
Average Analytical GRE	4.02
States represented	19

Application Information

The ATSU-ASHS PT program participates in the Central Application Service for Physical Therapist (PTCAS). All official transcripts and letters of reference are sent directly to PTCAS as part of the application process. Please visit PTCAS at <http://www.ptcas.org/> for more information on how to apply for admission. The SOFT deadline to apply with PTCAS for the ATSU/ASHS PT program is February 16, 2009. Program enrollment is based on a rolling admissions process. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Once ATSU-ASHS receives a completed PTCAS application and determines that minimum requirements are met, the applicant is notified by email to submit a secondary fee for final processing. Upon receipt of this fee, the application then receives full consideration by the PT program.

Tuition and Expenses

Tuition for 2009-2010 is estimated at \$25,085 for the first year. There is also a \$1,050 charge for supplies. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for accepted students through the Student Financial Assistance Office. This office assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs. For additional information, contact financialaid@atsu.edu.

Accreditation

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences is accredited through The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone 800-621-7440. Approved by: The Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education, 1400 West Washington Road, Room 260, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The Physical Therapy Residential Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Physical therapists must graduate from an accredited program to be eligible for licensure in the United States.

For additional information, contact ATSU Admissions
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