

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 curriculum plan includes up to 55 required courses. During the first year students build on their prerequisite coursework through courses in the basic sciences and begin clinical courses in the area of general practice and musculoskeletal areas. Additionally, students begin core courses in research design, methodology, and statistics. The first year ends with the first full-time clinical experience. In the second year students continue with clinical courses in both the musculoskeletal and neuro-rehabilitation areas. They progress into courses focusing on special populations. During the first quarter of the second year students are introduced to the two final project options and choose a track to continue on for the remainder of the curriculum at the end of the second year fall quarter. Students can choose the research track where they complete a research project or the evidence-based practice track where they complete a capstone project. The Professional Practice/PT Seminar course meets during the fall and winter quarters of first and second year. During the third year, students continue work on their research or capstone projects while completing four full-time internships and participating in virtual grand rounds.

Requirements for Admission

Each applicant must submit information fulfilling the following:

1. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA and a 2.80 prerequisite 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 ATSU Physical Therapy Program is 7695. (The department code is 0619)
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. Applicants are required to submit to a criminal background check at their own expense after being accepted.
7. Applicants are required to participate in an applicant interview process. Personal interviews are conducted both on site and by telephone.

8. 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 – two semesters of lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Biology/Zoology – two semesters lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - General Chemistry – two semesters lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Physics – two semesters lecture and lab, minimum of 8 semester/12 quarter hours
 - Psychology two courses: abnormal psychology and developmental/child psychology, minimum of 6 semester/12 quarter
 - Statistics – one course, minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter hours
 - Exercise Physiology – one course, minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter

2011 Entering Class

Average Cumulative GPA	3.30
Average Prerequisite GPA	3.25
Average Verbal GRE	435
Average Quantitative GRE	596
Average Analytical GRE	3.99
States represented	18
Class size	64

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 FIRM deadline to apply with PTCAS for the ATSU/ASHS PT program is January 16. 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 application and fee for final processing. Upon receipt of the secondary application and fee, the application will receive full consideration by the PT program.

Tuition and Expenses

Tuition for 2011-2012 is estimated at \$27,055 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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