ATSU-ASHS Alumni Ambassador Programs

PURPOSE:
The ATSU-ASHS Alumni Ambassador Programs offer select alumni the chance to assist with the recruitment of prospective students, build further relationships with fellow alumni, and provide leadership to all ATSU students. Alumni considered are members of the Board of Trustees, ASHS Alumni Board, former Student Ambassadors, and other select alumni. Ambassadors act as regional resources for students and other ATSU alumni.

GOALS:
- To assist the Admissions Office in the recruitment of prospective students.
- To positively represent the osteopathic healthcare professions.
- To provide information to potential applicants.
- To report back to Admissions and Alumni Services about communication with students.
- To provide support at ATSU sponsored events in your area.
- Refer students interested in other ATSU programs to Admissions.
- To increase the number of highly competitive and qualified students considering ATSU.
- To act as a regional information source for inquiring students, applicants, and admitted and enrolled students.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Stay current on admissions requirements and process.
- Assist in coordinating events in your area. Ex: College presentations, retention events, speaking to students.
- Maintain contact with the Assistant Director Alumni Services via mail, email, fax, or phone.
- Respond to all correspondence from the Alumni Services department.
- Welcome the opportunity to meet a prospective or current ATSU student, promote the osteopathic healthcare profession, and promote ATSU.
- Relate personal experiences about being an ATSU-ASHS student, living in Arizona, and life as an individual in the osteopathic healthcare field. Reflect on how ATSU has changed since your graduation.
- Be sensitive to prospective student’s background, heritage, gender, religion, sexual orientation, etc.
- Refer questions that you cannot answer to Admissions or Alumni Services, do not guess or make-up answers.
- Do not speak negatively about other colleges or other professions.
- Do not promise prospective students an on-campus interview and/or acceptance into any ATSU program.
- Allow student to tell you about him/her background, goals, and motivations.
- Allow student to ask questions.
• Remember, your experience makes the University a real place for students--one that they'll want to experience first-hand.

INTERACTION TIPS AND GUIDELINES

Do’s for Alumni Ambassadors

Do…
• Be friendly, attentive, and smile. The best thing you can do is to convey your enthusiasm for ATSU with those who come to talk to you. *They are more apt to remember an impression of ATSU than the details you discuss.*
• Realize that the way you represent yourself is the way you are representing ATSU. You are ATSU in the eyes of the students and their families.
• Know the basics (admissions requirements, costs, facts)
• Make sure that if you say you will get back to someone that you do.

Don’ts for Alumni Ambassadors

Don’t…
• Don’t be afraid to say you don’t know the answer to a question. Have the student contact the Office of Admissions or Alumni Services directly.
• Don’t say negative things about other institutions. Discuss ATSU’s strengths, not other schools’ perceived weaknesses.
• Don’t guarantee admission, or even speak of specific possibilities. Only the Office of Admissions can make admissions decisions.

TRAINING

• The Alumni Services Department and the Office of Admissions recognize the importance of providing training information and resource materials. Each Alumni Ambassador will have access to an electronic copy of the training manual on the portal. In addition, information updates will be emailed or posted on the portal as soon as changes take effect. Additionally, a newsletter will be emailed twice a year-in the spring and fall.
• A Microsoft PowerPoint presentation will be made available to Alumni Ambassadors upon request. The presentation will either be emailed or mailed on a CD-Rom to the requesting Alumni Ambassador. This presentation can be used when presenting to undergraduate Pre-Med Clubs, community organizations or other public discussions relating to the medical profession. To request a copy of the presentation Alumni Ambassadors by email, phone, or fax ATSU Alumni Services.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Alumni Services Department will work in partnership with the Alumni Ambassadors to provide the following support:

- Recruitment materials to be distributed at programs.
- Updates on policies, programs, and campus facilities.
- Answer questions and concerns you have as an ambassador.
- Bi-annual newsletter.
- Maintain Alumni Ambassador Portal.
- Yearly program evaluations to all Alumni Ambassadors.
- Track how many prospective and current students are using the program.
- Notify Alumni Ambassador when their name and contact information has been given to a prospective or current student.
ADMISSIONS PROCESS ASHS

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Entry-Level Residential Program Admissions Requirements

Applications for admission to the first-year class must meet the following requirements prior to matriculation:

1. Applicants accepted for admission into the entry-level Doctor of Audiology Program will have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited undergraduate institution.
2. Applicants must have achieved an overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.70 or an overall grade point average of 3.00 in the final 60 semester hours of undergraduate study (on a 4.00 scale).
3. Applicants must have achieved a grade point average of 2.50 in undergraduate science courses (on a 4.00 scale).
4. Applicants are expected to be computer literate and experienced in word processing. All curricula require extensive computer usage.
5. Students must obtain and maintain CPR certification. Verification must be submitted to ASHS prior to enrollment.
6. Applicants are required to submit complete and official scores for one of the following tests: Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Dental Aptitude Test (DAT), Optometry Aptitude Test (OAT), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), or Miller’s Analogies Test (MAT). This requirement will be waived for those applicants who have earned a graduate degree from an accredited institution. Test scores are required and reviewed as part of the application process; however, there are no minimum or cut-off scores used for the test data.
7. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be submitted for each application year.
8. Applicants must submit a personal resume.
9. Applicants are encouraged to obtain 30 hours of observation in audiology prior to application. Exposure to a variety of audiology practice settings will be beneficial for any applicant seeking enrollment in the Doctor of Audiology Program.
10. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses by the end of the quarter prior to matriculation.
11. Applicants who are considered potential candidates will be required to participate in an interview. Personal interviews conducted on-site are preferred; however, interviews may also be conducted by telephone.
12. Applicants who wish to be considered for more than one ASHS program must submit a separate application fee, official test scores required by each program, transcripts, and references. Acceptance to ASHS is to a specific program and is not transferrable to any other program. Application materials are not transferable from one application year to another.
13. Applicants are required to submit all official college or academic transcripts.
14. Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check at their own expense.

** Consult Fact Sheet and website for more information: www.atsu.edu
Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Transitional degree for practicing Audiologists Admissions

Requirements

1. Master’s or doctoral degree in audiology from a regionally accredited college or university with an overall GPA of 2.70 or better (4.0 scale) for the graduate program. Master’s degree equivalency as determined by the American Speech Language and Hearing Association and demonstrated through state licensure in audiology or verification of the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-A).

2. Applicants must submit official documentation of current audiology licensure, Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A), Board Certification in Audiology by the American board of Audiology (ABA) or Aud-C (in Canada). For applicants who practice outside of the United States or Canada, the applicant must provide official documentation of regulatory certification or registration to practice audiology that is held by the applicant, and the applicant’s credentials will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

3. At least four years of full-time employment in audiology or its part-time equivalent of 5,760 hours. Experience gained during the Clinical Fellowship year does not count toward the 5,760 hours.

4. Profile scores from the Evaluation of Practicing Audiologists Capabilities (EPAC). An official report of EPAC results must be forwarded directly to the Admissions Processing Center from the EPAC evaluator's office. To request an EPAC application or score report, contact Credentialing Services at 309.343.1202.

5. Applicants must submit a personal resume following the guidelines offered in the application packet.

6. Two letters of recommendation from audiologists or healthcare professionals familiar with applicant's clinical and professional experiences.

7. Submission of ASHS application.

8. Phone interview.

** Consult Fact Sheet and website for more information: www.atsu.edu
Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T) Entry-level Residential Program Admissions Requirements

Each applicant must submit information fulfilling the following:

1. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.70 cumulative GPA and a 2.70 science GPA (on a 4.00 scale). All college-level science courses are included in calculation of the science GPA.
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. Reference from a) a present or former science faculty member, academic advisor or employer b) a professional form 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.

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Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T)—Distance Education for Practicing Physical Therapists Admissions Requirements

1. Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Licensure as a physical therapist in one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico.
3. Minimum overall undergraduate 2.70 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum physical therapy 2.70 grade point average.
4. Official sealed transcripts from all institutions attended.
5. Completed Physical Therapis Evaluation Tool (PTET) credential evaluation forwarded to Credentialing Services Inc.
6. Additional documents may be required of applicants with non-U.S. professional education.

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Below are some frequently asked questions.

Who or what is A. T. Still University (ATSU)? What connection does Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS) have with Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM)? A.T. Still University is a graduate health professions institution composed of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, the School of Health Management (SHM), the Arizona School of Health Sciences, the Arizona School of Dental & Oral Health (ASDOH), and the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA). The University is located on two campuses, with KCOM and SHM located in Kirksville, Missouri, and ASHS, ASDOH, and SOMA located in Mesa, Arizona.

Does each class of new enrollees generally fill up each quarter? Are students turned away? ASHS started the TDPT program in September 2002 and was the first completely online TDPT program. Since then, 50-75 students have enrolled each quarter. Maximum enrollment in any single quarter is 80 students. If maximum enrollment is met, students will be offered enrollment beginning the next available quarter. Admission is granted to those students who meet the admission criteria. Several have applied without the necessary grade point, acceptable baccalaureate degree, or U.S. license as a PT and have not been offered acceptance.

Why do you require the PTET for those without a post-1995 MSPT or MPT? The Physical Therapist Evaluation Tool (PTET) is used to assist and determine advanced placement in the courses. When you graduate from our program, the transcript shows credit in all 27 courses even though you may have only taken 10-12 of the courses. The "cost" of the PTET is actually tuition for the advance credit courses. If the PTET were not used to organize the professional information, tuition would be closer to $11,000.

When performing the curriculum assessment for incoming students, is the PTET score the only factor considered when deciding which courses are required, or is the student's previous master's level curriculum analyzed and taken into account? The PTET is one component of many. Employment, professional activities, formal education, continuing education, and life experiences are all taken into account in determining advance credit decisions and the required Plan of Study.

How many students do you enroll in the program each year? We enroll students quarterly (4 times a year). Though we have a capacity of 80 students per quarter, individual courses are normally held to no more than 25 students.
How long are the courses? How many courses do you take at one time? Each quarter is made up of two six-week course sessions. Students normally take one course each session, however, some students take two courses a session.

How many total courses are in the curriculum? There are 27 courses in the program. The current curriculum guide may be downloaded from the webpage. The PTET is used to give you advanced credit in those courses for which you are determined competent. The most common courses to take are Radiology, Pharmacology, Professional Practice 2, Evidence Based Practice 2, Gender HealthCare, Reimbursement, and perhaps Delivery System courses.

What type of course work is used, i.e., papers, projects, quizzes, tests, etc? The course work is guided using WebCT, a web-based courseware program. Depending on the instructor, you will get reading assignments, PowerPoint lectures (some with narration), and written lectures. Assignments include papers, reflective responses to questions posted to a class bulletin board, quizzes, projects, etc. Some courses have group projects, some individual. As with a regular residential curriculum, the teaching style of the instructor will vary in each course. Students are required to have access to a clinical practice site in order to complete assignments in selected courses.

How much time will I spend on my courses? Most students spend between 15 and 20 hours a week per course. Three credit courses take more time than two credit courses.

How are skills assessed? Skills are demonstrated in video clips. In instances where specific skills must be assessed, student will videotape their performance and send the tape to the instructor for grading.

When a student is accepted how is their plan of study and schedule determined? Is there flexibility once the schedule is set? The admissions committee awards advance credit and determines the required courses. Based on this assessment schedule is created and sent to the student. If a change to the schedule is needed the student may request changes using the appropriate forms.

Can Physical Therapists enroll in single courses without taking the PTET? No. At this time enrollment is limited to students in the degree program.
Have any of the current students commented on the type or amount of employer assistance they have received? If an employer has a tuition reimbursement program, then the TDPT program qualifies for it. ATSU is regionally accredited by the North Central Association for Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education. Many other students have been allowed to apply continuing education funds to the program. Since most Plans of Study will cross two calendar years, many students have received almost full reimbursement for the program.

Is the tuition due in one lump sum or in payment installments? We request the full tuition or a payment plan be arranged before you start your first class. If the quarterly installment plan is chosen, there is a one-time $175 fee.
Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.) Admissions Requirements

1. Candidates accepted for admission will have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment.
2. Applicants must demonstrate Board of Certification (BOC) certification as an athletic trainer or completion of all eligibility requirements to sit for the BOC certification examination prior to matriculation.
3. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale).
4. Students 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.
5. Students must obtain and maintain CPR certification. Verification must be submitted to ASHS prior to enrollment.
6. Applicants are required to submit official GRE scores. Any scores older than three years prior to matriculation year will not be accepted. The GRE code for ASHS is 3743. There is no department code.
7. Applicants must secure references from: 1) academic advisor, professor, employer, family friend or minister, and 2) a healthcare professional. Letters from an educational consulting service will not qualify. Letters for reference must be submitted for each application year.
8. Applicants must submit two copies of a personal resume. Guidelines are offered in the application instructions.
9. Applicants who wish to be considered for more than one program must submit a separate application and fee, official GRE scores, transcripts, and references for each health sciences program. Acceptance to ASHS is to a specific program and is not transferable to any other program. Application materials are not transferable from one application year to another.
10. Applicants are required to submit all official college or academic transcripts.

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Below are some frequently asked questions.

What GRE do I need to take? You should take the General Test GRE. Our GRE code is 3743.

How long is the program? The Athletic Training program is two years in length, including summers.

What is the schedule for classes in the Athletic Training Program? Classes are in the morning between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The number and length of classes on each day varies depending on the quarter.

Do you have graduate assistantships? What are the requirements? The Athletic Training Program offers graduate assistantships. The number and type of GA positions may vary each year, but typically will consist of positions in the high school, college, community college, and clinical setting. The stipend for these positions will also vary from $7,000 - $15,000 (average = $9,500). Students may apply for a Graduate Assistantship after being accepted into the Post-Certification Graduate Athletic Training Education Program. All graduate assistant athletic trainers are required to have current BOC certification and be licensed in Arizona by the State Board of Athletic Training.

What if I don’t receive a graduate assistantship or choose not to apply for one? Students who choose not to apply for a GA position, or those who do not qualify for a GA position will be assigned to quarterly clinical rotations. These rotations include settings such as high schools, colleges, and professional teams, sports medicine clinics, and physician offices. Students are required to attend these rotations two afternoons per week during each academic quarter.

What other athletic training experience will I receive at ATSU? Students who do not have a graduate assistantship may choose to work part time in local high schools, colleges, or sports medicine clinics when they are not at their clinical rotation. This is an excellent opportunity for students to secure an income similar to a graduate assistantship. There are many opportunities for part-time athletic training employment in the Greater Phoenix/Mesa area and students have traditionally secured positions that range in pay from $5,000 to $10,000 annually. Additionally, we are often contacted when local schools or events are looking for certified athletic trainers, and this information is always passed on to students.

When do I need to complete my prerequisite courses? Prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to enrollment.

Can I take prereq’s at a community college? Is there a preference? You may take your prerequisite courses at the community college, and there is no preference.
Can I take prereq's at your institution? No. Prerequisites are to be taken at a community college and/or four-year university. Our courses are only open to students enrolled in our programs.

I am not an athletic trainer. Can I still apply? The Athletic Training Program is only open to BOC certified athletic trainers, or individuals who are eligible for BOC certification based on completion of an accredited entry-level athletic training education program.

Does massage therapy, nursing, medical, naturopathic or other professional coursework transfer into the program? No.

I have a question about a prerequisite course, what should I do? You may contact the Athletic Training department at 480.219.6030 to make an academic advising appointment, or simply fax us your transcript at 480.219.6100 for an academic advisor to review. Please include name, contact info, and what you had a question about.

Do you offer financial aid? Where can I find scholarship information? Yes, we offer financial aid to our students. Most aid usually is in the form of loans both federal and private. Because this is a graduate program, the federal limit is $18,500 per year ($8,500 subsidized and $10,000 unsubsidized). The application process begins once you have been accepted into the program. Please click here for more information.

Does ATSU have on campus housing? We do not have on campus housing; however, we do assist students in finding housing and roommate matching. Please click here for more information.

Does ATSU assist with job placement? Yes, we assist students in finding jobs through Student Services Office, as well as for our alumni. We have nearly 100 percent job placement for our graduates.

I'd like to visit campus. Whom should I contact? Contact the admissions office at admissions@atsu.edu to set up a visit to campus, or you may call 480.219.6000. We look forward to sharing information with you about our Athletic Training Program!
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.) Admissions Requirements

1. Candidates accepted for admission to the PA Program will have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average overall (3.00 recommended) and a minimum 2.75 cumulative science grade point average (3.00 recommended) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants are expected to be computer literate and experienced in word processing. Accepted applicants are required to have a laptop computer prior to matriculation.
4. Applicants are encouraged to obtain patient care experience, sufficient to recognize the physical and psychological demands of dealing with patients and to appreciate the challenges of being a healthcare professional.
5. Applicants must successfully complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher.
6. Applicants who are considered potential candidates must visit ASHS to participate in an applicant interview.

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Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S., PA-C)—Transitional Program for practicing certified Physician Assistants Admissions Requirements

The Advanced Physician Assistant program requires all applicants to meet the following criteria:

1. Graduation from an accredited program.
2. Minimum overall GPA 2.50/4.0 scale and minimum PA program GPA 2.5/4.0 scale.

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Below are some frequently asked questions.

**How long is the ASHS PA program, and when does it start?** The ASHS PA program is 26 months in length, with a new class beginning annually in June. The first year is divided into five quarters of didactic and laboratory work, while the second year consists of eight separate clinical rotations each six weeks in length. The second year is also devoted to the completion of a master’s project.

**Do all of my prerequisite courses and direct patient contact experience need to be completed by the time I apply to the ASHS PA program through CASPA?** No. It is common for many of our candidates to still be finishing one or two prerequisite courses at the time of application. All prerequisites must be successfully completed by the time you begin the ASHS PA program in June.

**What are some examples of courses that satisfy the social sciences prerequisites?** General Psychology will fulfill one requirement. The other course can be any other social science course. The most common types of courses our applicants have taken include psychology, sociology, anthropology, geography, geology, and political science.

**My undergraduate institution does not offer combined human anatomy & physiology courses. Would a separate anatomy and a separate physiology course suffice?** Yes, as long as both courses include a laboratory and add to a combined 8 semester or 12 quarter hours.

**Can a course in “exercise physiology” satisfy the human anatomy & physiology prerequisite?** No.

**If the microbiology class I took was less than 4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours, how can I satisfy the microbiology prerequisite?** We allow applicants to combine their microbiology course with a second course to reach 4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours. This second course should be in an area closely associated with microbiology. Examples include immunology, virology, parasitology or cell/molecular biology. Realize that these courses do not substitute for microbiology.

**Can I take prerequisites at a community college? Is there a preference?** You may take your prerequisites at any accredited community college or baccalaureate-granting institution. There is no preference.

**Can I take prerequisites at your institution?** No. ASHS does not offer any undergraduate courses.

**Does it make a difference for admission if I am from out-of-state?** No. Your state of residence does not impact your chances for admission.
Do you require the GRE or MCAT for acceptance into your program? No.

Will I be notified when my application reaches A.T. Still University? Yes. You will be notified by mail or email.

How many applicants does the ASHS PA program typically interview for a new class? For the past two years, we’ve interviewed between 175-230 applicants.

How will I be notified if I’m being invited for an interview? The “informal” invitation will be made by email; therefore, it is important that you provide us with current contact information. A formal letter will be sent to you after notification by email.

How long does an interview last? The interview process typically lasts approximately four to five hours. During this time, you will meet with several PA faculty and students. You will also have the opportunity to tour the ASHS campus and learn more about our PA program.

What is the average GPA of students accepted to your program? For the Class of 2009, the average overall GPA was 3.45. The science GPA was 3.36.

How do graduates of your program perform on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) compared to national averages?

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Will I be able to work while I am in school? Because the rigorous nature of the physician assistant course work, the PA faculty discourages students from working. Typically, PA students are in class from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an occasional required weekend or evening hours.

I have a question about a prerequisite course, what should I do? You may contact the Admissions Department in Mesa at 480.219.6000 to make an academic advising appointment, or simply fax us your transcripts at .480.219.6188 for an academic advisor to review. Please include you name, contact information, and your questions. Please note that open advisement is available from April 1–October 1.
Does ASHS offer financial aid? Where can I find scholarship information? Yes, we offer financial aid and scholarships to our students. Please click here for more information.

Is housing available to ASHS PA students? We do not have on-campus housing; however, we do assist students in finding local housing and offer roommate matching. Please click here for more information.

I’d like to visit the ASHS campus. Whom should I contact? Contact the admissions office at admissions@atsu.edu to set up a visit to campus, or call 480.219.6000. Campus tours are usually available on Fridays, so please call 480.219.6000 to RSVP. We look forward to sharing information with you about our PA program!
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.)—Entry level Residential Program
Admissions Requirements

1. Candidates accepted for admission will have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation.
2. Applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA, and 2.50 science GPA (on a 4.00 scale).
3. Applicants are required to submit all official college or academic transcripts.
4. 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). For applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher, the GRE is optional.
5. Applicants must submit a personal resume. Guidelines are offered in the application instructions.
6. Applicants are required to obtain a minimum of 20 contact/observation hours in the occupational therapy field.
7. Applicants must secure two letters of reference. One of these letters must be written by: a present or former science faculty member, academic advisor, or employer. The other reference letter should come from a professional from the occupational therapy field. Letters from an educational consulting service will not qualify. New letters of reference must be submitted for each application year.
8. Applicants who are considered potential candidates will be invited to visit ASHS to participate in an applicant interview process. For applicants residing out-of-state, telephone interviews can be arranged in lieu of the on-site interview.
9. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses by the end of the quarter prior to matriculation.
10. 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.
11. Students must obtain and maintain CPR certification. Verification must be submitted to ASHS prior to enrollment.
12. Applicants are required to submit to a criminal background check at their own expense. Applicants need to be aware that having a felony conviction might impact a graduate’s future ability to sit for the National board for Certification in Occupational therapy Exam and/or ability to obtain state licensure to practice.
13. Applicants who wish to be considered for more than one ASHS program must submit a separate application and fee, official GRE scores, transcripts, and references. Acceptance to ASHS is to a specific program and is not transferable to any other program. Application materials are not transferable from one application year to another.

** Consult Fact Sheet and website for more information: [www.atsu.edu](http://www.atsu.edu)
Advanced Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.)—Online Course
Admission Requirements

1. No GRE is required.
2. A bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university, or be qualified to practice in a country recognized by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy.
3. Initial certification as an Occupational Therapist from the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy.
4. Minimum overall undergraduate 2.50 GPA and minimum Occupational Therapy program 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
5. Official sealed transcripts from all institutions attended.
6. Two letters of professional reference.
7. International students must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting an official TOEFL score of 500 (paper based) or 173 (computer based) or higher.

** Consult Fact Sheet and website for more information: www.atsu.edu
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Below are some frequently asked questions.

**How long is the program?** The OT program is 28 months in length.

**Will I be able to work while I am in school?** Some students manage to work part-time while enrolled in the program.

**When do I need to complete my prerequisite courses?** Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to beginning classes at ATSU.

**Can I take prereq’s at a community college? Is there a preference?** You may take your prerequisite courses at the community college, and there is no preference.

**Can I take prereq’s at your institution?** No, prerequisites are to be taken at a community college and/or 4 year university. Our courses are only open to students enrolled in our programs.

**What undergraduate majors do you recommend to be a more competitive applicant?** A student may have any degree, as long as all admissions requirements and prerequisite courses are fulfilled. There is no preference for any particular major.

**I have a question about a prerequisite course, what should I do?** You may contact the OT department at 480-219-6070 to make an academic advising appointment, or simply fax us your transcript at 480-219-6100 for an academic advisor to review. Please include name, contact info, and your specific questions.

**Do you offer financial aid? Where can I find scholarship information?** Yes, we offer financial aid to our students. Please click here for more information.

**Does ASHS have on campus housing?** We do not have on campus housing, however we do assist students in finding housing and roommate matching. Please click here for more information.

**How many hours of experience do I need? How do I document hours?** You are required to have 20 hours of observation with an OT. This will be documented on your
application.

**What are the clinical opportunities in the program?** We have over 250 clinical sites throughout the US, in a variety of both rural and urban settings.

**I'd like to visit campus, who should I contact?** Contact the admissions office at admissions@atsu.edu to set up a visit to campus, or you may call 480-219-6070. We look forward to sharing information with you about our OT program!
Doctor of Health Sciences—Education for Practicing Healthcare Professionals

Admissions Requirements

1. Candidates accepted for admission to the Doctor of Health Sciences program will have earned a master’s or doctorate degree in a healthcare discipline from a regionally accredited institution, or from a foreign university based on a transcript evaluation. www.naces.org
2. Candidates must have achieved a minimum overall graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Candidates must provide all official transcripts prior to matriculation.
4. Candidates must be a licensed or credentialed healthcare professional or have two years experience as administrators, educators, or researchers in healthcare.
5. Candidates must submit a resume or curriculum vitae detailing personal, educational, and professional achievements.
7. Candidates must complete an application form and submit the application fee.
8. Candidates may be asked to participate in a short phone interview.

** Consult Fact Sheet and website for more information: www.atsu.edu
ATSU-ASHS Fast Facts

- Accreditation
  - The entry-level Au.D. is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association. Audiology accreditation for both Au.D. programs is through the Accreditation Commission on Audiology Education (ACAE).
  - The entry-level O.T. is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association.
  - The D.P.T. is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.
  - The P.A. program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA).
  - The post-professional athletic training program is accredited by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

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<th>Residential Program</th>
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<td>2 years</td>
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<td>Physical Therapy (D.P.T)</td>
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Online Programs:
  - Advanced Occupational Therapy (M.S.)
  - Advanced Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.)
  - Health Sciences (D.H.Sc.)
  - Human Movement (M.S.)
  - Transitional Audiology (Au.D.)
  - Transitional Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

ASHS Campus Profile
443 Students on campus
1324 Transitional Students
6 Student Associations

Mesa, Arizona Fast Facts
- Located in south-central Arizona.
- Third largest city in the state; a suburb of Phoenix.
- Population of 437,454.
- The amount of land area in Mesa is 122+ sq. miles.
- Mesa elevation is 1,241 feet above sea level.
- 5 minute drive to Phoenix.
- Mesa median income is $30,273.
- The Mesa median home price is $86,500.
- Public Transportation available.
- Quality neighborhoods.
- 76 schools in Mesa.
- Apollo College, Arizona State University East, and De-Vry University are located in Mesa.
- The weather in Mesa is enjoyable with warm sunny days and cool night air. There are 313 average days of sunshine each year.
- Mesa average temperature is 84 degrees F.
- Superstition Mountains and Phoenix Mountain Parks close by.
- Many attractions and sites to see: History or art museums, Grady Gammage Auditorium (at ASU), Nelson Fine Arts Center (at ASU), Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix Zoo, Red River Opry, Desert Botanical Garden, Arizona Science center, many restaurants, nightclubs, shopping, and events to participate.
- Professional Sports teams: The Arizona Cardinals (NFL Football), Phoenix Suns (NBA Basketball), Arizona Diamondbacks (Major League Baseball), Phoenix Coyotes (NHL Hockey), Phoenix Mustangs (West Coast Hockey League), Arizona Rattlers (Arena Football), Arizona Thunder (Indoor Soccer), Phoenix Mercury (Women’s NBA), Professional golf tournaments during the season, Phoenix Greyhound Park Racing, Phoenix International Raceway, and Chicago Cubs’ spring training operations held in Mesa.
**Student Services**

**Counseling Services:**

Counseling Services provides individual, couple and group counseling, as well as referral and consultation services. All services are provided free of charge for ATSU students and their significant partners/families.

Counseling is a confidential service. Anything you say to a counselor and/or the fact that you used this service will not be disclosed to other persons or agencies without your consent, within ethical limitations. No information about counseling goes on your academic record.

Counseling Services can also assist students in locating resources and other services available on campus or in the city that are specific to their needs. Programs using a workshop format are offered to enhance personal growth and skill development. These may include stress management, relationship enhancement, anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

The Counseling Services staff adheres to the ethical code of the American Counseling Association.

**Financial Services:**

Investing in your future as a student is one of the most important steps you will take in your life. ATSU can help you put together a financially sound aid package that will let you focus on your education instead of worrying about how you will finance it.

To get started, choose your program from one of the drop-down menus below. With assistance from various sources, we hope to make applying for financial aid to attend ATSU an easy process for all.

**Registrar:**

ATSU's Office of the Registrar supports the institutional mission by providing quality services to students, faculty, academic and administrative departments, and alumni. The Registrar's Office protects the integrity of the University through fair and consistent application of the academic rules and regulations established by the faculty, administration, and state and federal governments.

**Core Functions**

- Collect and record student and instructional academic program information, including processes related to registration, grades, and verifications
- Officially respond to requests for information about students and programs, and serve as the official manager for access to and release of academic and educational information (e.g. requests for student information, including all issues related to FERPA)
• Provide support for determining academic progress (e.g. degree audits, dismissal and probation, withdraws, and commencement certification)
• Monitor compliance with Student Health Insurance policy and Criminal Background Check policy
• Advise and provide services to international students
• Provide support and services to prospective, current, and former students
• Provide training to university personnel regarding FERPA policies and guidelines

**Student Resources:**

Individual consultation is available for students who would like help improving their study strategies or their test taking skills. Student Resources staff provide academic advising in the areas of note taking, memorization techniques, determining study priorities, using resource materials, studying for tests, reducing test anxiety, effectively using a tutor, and studying in a small group.

Throughout the year a variety of seminars and/or workshops may be offered for both students and faculty. Students may be offered sessions on study strategies, test-taking, preparing for boards, becoming an effective tutor, etc. Workshops for faculty could include such topics as teaching strategies, working with students with special needs, test writing, research findings from cognitive science research, etc.

Students may contact their campus Student Resources Office to request services by telephone, email or by mail.
Directory:

Mailing Address:
A.T. Still University
5850 E. Still Circle
Mesa, AZ 85206

Toll Free Phone:
866.626.2878

Admissions
Ext. 2237
Email: admissions@atsu.edu

Alumni Services
Ext. 2307
Email: alumniservices@atsu.edu

Counseling Services
Ext. 2424
Email: counselingservices@atsu.edu

Financial Services
Ext. 6117
Email: financialaid@atsu.edu

Registrar
Ext. 2356
Email: registrars@atsu.edu

Student Services
Ext. 6026
Email: mostudentservices@atsu.edu

Student Resources
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