

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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Doctors of Physical Therapy serve as primary clinical care practitioners to promote optimal health and function for individuals and communities. Physical therapists diagnose and treat dysfunction of the musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, neuromuscular, and integumentary systems among individuals across the continuum of care and life span. Physical therapists may also administer and manage practice settings, participate in research, and serve as consultants and educators. By empowering, educating and enabling those with impairments, activity limitations and disabilities, physical therapists facilitate greater independence, health, wellness and enhanced quality of life for those they serve.

The Curriculum

The program curriculum is currently maintained on the Online University Catalog.

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). Applicants are required to have a minimum GRE of 140 for verbal and quantitative as well as a 3 on the writing score.
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

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 and expense information is currently maintained on the webpage.

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 is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 230 North 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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