

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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2025 ENTERING CLASS

323

Applications received

24

Average age

143

Applicants interviewed

3.37

Average GPA

49

Class size

3.29

Average prereq. GPA

CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY

A teaching center where ATSU's occupational and physical therapy students offer no-cost treatment under the supervision of faculty. The center is operated and directed by students, providing leadership opportunities and experience through service on the Student Board.

SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

All students complete a project related to improving the health of the community. Each project is led and supervised by a faculty member and allows students to engage directly with community members.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The program supports student participation in state and national meetings of the American Physical Therapy Association at multiple points in the curriculum.



PHYSICAL THERAPY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

After graduation and passing the national board exam, elevate your clinical skills and knowledge from a general practitioner to that of a clinical specialist by enrolling in our neurologic or orthopedic physical therapy residency programs.

CURRICULUM

YEAR ONE (12 MONTHS)

- » Basic science courses
- » Clinical courses (*general practice, musculoskeletal conditions, and neurorehabilitation*)
- » Core courses in evidence-based practice, research design, and statistics
- » Professional practice courses
- » Integrated clinical experiences throughout with a full-time clinical at end of the first year

YEAR TWO (12 MONTHS)

- » Clinical courses (*musculoskeletal, neurorehabilitation, and comprehensive seminar courses*)
- » Courses focusing on special populations
- » First full-time clinical experience
- » Integrated clinical experience
- » Initial work on final research capstone project
- » National Physical Therapy Exam board prep course

YEAR THREE (6 MONTHS)

- » Capstone projects
- » Two full-time clinical experiences
- » Online virtual grand rounds

PREREQUISITES

- » Anatomy/Physiology*
- » Biology/Zoology*
- » General Chemistry*
- » Physics*
- » Statistics**
- » Psychology*** (*Abnormal Psychology and Developmental/Child Psychology - must cover lifespan or conception/birth through adulthood*)
- » Exercise Physiology**

*One year with lab or 8 semester / 12 quarter hours

**One course or 3 semester / 4 quarter hours

***Two courses or 6 semester / 8 quarter hours

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For requirements and application information, please visit:

atsu.edu/dpt-apply

STUDENT LIFE

ATSU has many organizations for students on each campus. For more information, please visit:

atsu.edu/student-life

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ATSU MISSION

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs. The University is committed to continuing its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

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