

Doctor of Physical Therapy

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HEALTHCARE AS A PT



PT education for a brighter future

The entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at A.T. Still University (ATSU) prepares aspiring PTs to restore movement and function of the human body through a robust, evidence-based curriculum. The three-year program is offered on the Mesa, Arizona campus and includes hands-on clinical internships, ensuring students develop the skills necessary to excel in diverse healthcare settings.



Evidence-based, whole person-focused curriculum

The ATSU curriculum excels in physical therapy education by blending academic coursework with extensive clinical practice, preparing graduates to be skilled and adaptable healthcare innovators. Key features include:

- **Personalized learning:** Small class sizes facilitate close student-faculty relationships and individualized mentorship.
- **Integrated clinical experiences:** Clinical internships throughout the program enhance hands-on learning.
- **Robust coursework:** A three-year curriculum covers foundational sciences, clinical practice, and specialized areas.



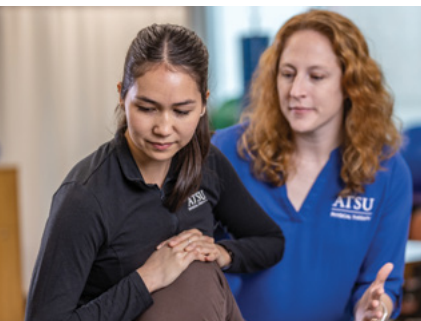
Your path to PT excellence

ATSU's DPT program is designed for students dedicated to becoming PTs and making a difference in underserved communities. This personalized entry-level doctorate emphasizes cultural sensitivity and competence, embodying ATSU's mission and commitment to whole person healthcare.

Our program equips students with vital skills and knowledge while fostering values of compassion, service, and lifelong learning. With an emphasis on full-time attendance and supervised clinical internships, we proudly develop skilled physical therapists who are prepared to thrive in their careers and positively impact their patients' lives.

Program attributes

- 3-year program
- 62 students per class
- Participate in American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) meetings
- Provide no-cost treatment at ATSU's Center for Occupational and Physical Therapy



“We’re all very committed—not just in the PT program, but in the University—to training healthcare professionals to provide the highest quality of care possible... and to provide that quality of care to underserved communities.”

— Lori M. Bordenave, PT, DPT, PhD, '07
Professor and Chair

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Admission criteria

The program uses a holistic admissions process. Applicants must achieve a minimum cumulative and prerequisite GPA of 2.80. Completion of the resume component of the application should include work and volunteer experiences including those with under-served communities and individuals with disability. Applicants are encouraged to complete their 30 hours of observation in a variety of PT settings with different patient populations. Following review of the application, qualified candidates will be invited for an interview.



Learn more
atsu.edu/dpt-admissions

DPT philosophy

We believe in whole person healthcare that enables individuals to achieve optimal health. We believe physical therapists are uniquely qualified practitioners for the diagnosis of, intervention for, and prevention of impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions related to movement, function, and health.

We strive to graduate autonomous practitioners who value lifelong learning and demonstrate expertise in clinical reasoning and critical appraisal of evolving knowledge to provide high quality services to individuals across the continuum of care and lifespan in a dynamic healthcare system.

We believe in providing a robust learner-centered curriculum that emphasizes a hands-on approach to patient/client management and incorporates critical inquiry, cultural competence, service-learning, and interprofessional collaboration.

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