

## Arkansas State University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Freshman Early Commitment Option Application

**Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>**

The ASTATE Doctor of Physical Therapy Program offers a limited number of early commitment options to qualified freshmen on a competitive basis. The number of Freshman Early Commitment slots awarded in any year will be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15).

Applications will be received until the deadline. The Admissions Committee will then review the applicant pool. In the event that more than fifteen qualified applicants are received, the Admissions Committee will select the top fifteen applicants based on ACT score and first on-campus semester GPA (ACT + GPA = Score / Rank).

To take advantage of the Early Commitment Option the student must do the following:

1. Meet the requirements listed in the table below:

Freshman Early Commitment Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Be a student at ASTATE Jonesboro.</li><li>● Have an ACT score of 27 or higher (or SAT equivalent)</li><li>● Complete one semester (post high school) at ASTATE-J, earning a 3.5 GPA or higher.</li><li>● Submit an application for the Freshman Early Commitment in the <i>second</i> semester at ASU. The deadline for submission is March 15th. For a student who began as a freshman in spring term (January), deadline is October 1st.</li><li>● Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA during the undergraduate years.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The overall GPA can be weighted by the process explained below. See paragraph marked (*).</li></ul></li><li>● Complete the required <b>prerequisite</b> coursework with minimum grade of B in each of these courses.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The early commitment is lost (regardless of GPA) if a “B” or better is not earned in any prerequisite course.</li></ul></li><li>● Declare a major in one of the following areas.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Natural Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc.)</li><li>✓ Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (BSHS)</li><li>✓ Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS)</li></ul><p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Choose any major, but complete minimum of six “extra credit” courses approved by the DPT Admissions Committee during the undergraduate years (these would be additional preparation courses [see list of content areas below] if not part of the chosen major).</li></ul></li><li>● Strongly consider membership in the AState Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) beginning in the freshman year. (\$20 annual membership fees apply)</li><li>● Maintain continuous enrollment at ASTATE until the bachelor’s degree is completed.</li><li>● Complete the bachelor’s degree at ASTATE Jonesboro.</li><li>● Gain admission to the ASTATE Graduate School when qualified, and <b>complete</b> the DPT application process through <b>PTCAS</b> prior to the deadline for the class to which the student is applying.</li></ul>

\*In the semester an “extra credit” course is taken, a weight of 0.10 GPA points can be added to the overall GPA to help maintain the required 3.5 cumulative. This benefit only applies in the semester the course was completed. The courses that would apply must be taken from the list of content areas below and be approved by the DPT Admissions Committee. The student must have received a course grade of “B” or better for additional “weight” to be awarded. NOTE: This process is for internal program calculations of qualifying GPA for EC students and has no bearing on official GPA computed by the university.

Upper Level Anatomy	Thermal Engineering	Geometry
General Chemistry	Calculus	Hematology
Upper Level Physiology	Mechanical Engineering	Statistics
Organic Chemistry	Histology	Immunology
Pathophysiology	Electromagnetic Engineering	Principles of Disease
Quantitative Chemistry	Genetics	
Neuroscience	Medical Microbiology	
Biochemistry	Cell Biology	
Embryology	Clinical Chemistry	

2. Submit a letter to the Chair of the DPT Admissions Committee indicating the desire to seek early commitment.
3. Submit unofficial transcript(s), and this application completed with the information requested below to the DPT Admissions Committee, Department of Physical Therapy, PO Box 910, State University, AR 72467. Freshmen also need to submit verification of ACT scores. The Admissions Committee will review this information. The Committee will subsequently inform the Director of its decision concerning the student, and then the Director will inform the student in writing of the Committee’s decision. If the student is accepted as for the early commitment option, the Admissions Committee will meet with that student (in general EC meetings) each semester (excluding summer) to monitor progress and advise as needed. **The Admissions Committee will not replace the student’s normal undergraduate advisor.**
4. Provide evidence to the Admissions Committee each semester that the student continues to meet the early commitment eligibility requirements. If, in any semester, the student ceases to meet one of the eligibility requirements, the student will cease to be eligible for that particular early commitment option. **This will not preclude the student from applying to the DPT program through the normal application process.**

**My signature below indicates my intention to pursue the indicated ASU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy Early Commitment Option. I give the ASTATE Programs in Physical Therapy permission to use the information provided in this form to verify my eligibility for the indicated early commitment option, including permission to access my academic records. I understand that I must maintain the requirements listed above in order to remain eligible for this early commitment option.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Arkansas State University Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

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**Name:** Last (Please Print Clearly) First Middle

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**Current Address:** Street

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City State Country Postal Code

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**Phone No:** Country/City Code/Area Code & Number **E-mail address**

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**ASU Student ID Number**

Year of planned entry into the DPT Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Date Applied to PTSA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Year)

Please list all colleges/universities attended.

Name of Institution	Location (city, state, country)	Dates of Attendance	Major, Degree and Graduation Date