



ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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## **Athletic Training Program**

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**Name of Program:** Master of Athletic Training  
**Degree/Years:** Master of Athletic Training, 2-years  
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### **Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Athletic Training Program**

- Excellent research opportunities utilizing TRAZER, ReFlexion Edge and Virtual Reality technologies to examine needs within athletics, and military personnel.
- Faculty, preceptors and students come from diverse cultures and backgrounds which will aid in providing quality healthcare to various populations.
- 100% Job placement rate within one month of graduation within the athletic training profession.

### **Advising Script**

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“Thank you for your interest in our Master of Athletic Training program. A-State’s MAT program is one of the least expensive programs in the country. Applicants who qualify, are eligible for a tuition cost of only \$277.00 per credit hour. You can receive your master degree in Athletic Training for less than \$25,000 in tuition cost. Athletic trainers are educated to complete orthopedic evaluation, assessments, treatments and prevention of orthopedic injuries. Our program is a two-year entry level Master degree. Upon completion of our program you will be eligible to sit for the Athletic Training Board of Certification Examination. Passing this exam will allow you to practice as an athletic trainer in various settings such as military, collegiate, professional, secondary school, industrial, or hospitals.”



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## Additional information

### Master of Athletic Training

#### Prerequisites:

All applicants must have a bachelor's degree by the time they begin the program. **No particular field of study is required;** however students graduating with or possess degrees in fields such as biology, health, exercise science or kinesiology/biomechanics are strongly encouraged to apply.

Satisfactory completion of the following courses with letter **grades of C or higher** are required for admission to the M.A.T. program.

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II (including labs)
- Chemistry
- Physics I (including lab)Biology
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Kinesiology and/or Biomechanics

TOEFL scores (for international students whose native language is not English)

#### Application:

Applicants will need to apply to the A-State Graduate Program, simply complete the online application here:

<https://www.astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/admission-criteria/>

You will be prompted for the program in which you wish to apply for on the application. Look for the degree **Athletic Training (M.A.T.)**

- Applications for the SUMMER semester start **August 1st, of previous year** with a rolling admissions procedure ending **April 1st**.
- Minimum GPA requirement: A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and a grade of "C" in the prerequisite courses
- Transcript of a complete (or soon to be completed) bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Final completed transcript is required prior to start of the program.
- Competitive Entry

#### Other:

- Program includes both didactic and clinical education. Students are responsible for expenses related to clinical experience.
- Curriculum is Cohort Based, which begin in the summer completing 6 semester sessions and graduating in the spring. (1<sup>st</sup> yr Summer, 1<sup>st</sup> yr Fall, 1<sup>st</sup> yr Spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Summer, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Fall, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Spring)

## Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department (CLS)

**Name of Program:** Bachelor of Science (BS)

**Degree/Years:** 8-9 semesters, 4-4.5 years

**Name of Program:** Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

**Degree/Years:** 4-5 semesters, 2-2.5 years

**Contacts:**

Ashley Walls, CNHP Advisor

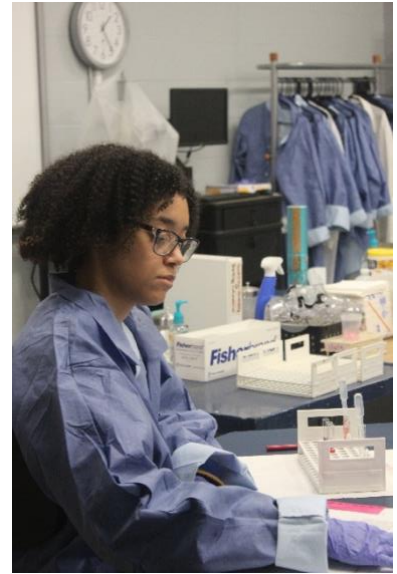
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### Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department

- Job placement: There is currently a workforce shortage in this field, so Laboratory Scientists are in high demand.
- Pre-Med Advantage: Physicians use lab tests every day, but receive no formal training in laboratory testing in medical school.
- Students can receive this training and more with a CLS degree from A-State

### Advising Script

<p>If a student expresses interest in working in a <b>Lab</b>:</p> <p>We offer an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences, both of which offer you entry level skills for the workforce. Both degrees prepare you as a generalist, meaning you can work in any and all disciplines of the laboratory: hematology, coagulation, urinalysis, clinical chemistry, microbiology, immunology, transfusion. Graduation from either program makes you eligible to sit for the respective national certification exam offered through the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Currently the workforce shortage of qualified clinical laboratory professions is critical, and graduates of our program are receiving multiple job offers and sign-on bonuses.</p> <p>The added advantage of the BS degree is that your scientific knowledge is expanded and managerial topics are included, such that you would be ready to take on supervisory roles after graduation.</p>	<p>If a student expresses interest in becoming a <b>Physician</b>:</p> <p>Did you know that physicians utilize clinical laboratory test results every day to make decisions about diagnosis and treatment of their patients, and medical school offers no formal training in laboratory test selection and interpretation? Wouldn't it be nice to enter medical school with a robust understanding of pathophysiology, health, disease and diagnostics? Have you considered what you might do if you don't get into medical school immediately after completion of your bachelor's degree?</p> <p>Consider pursuing CLS as your undergraduate major to prepare yourself for medical school, and provide an opportunity for a fantastic job in healthcare if you don't get into medical school right away. Nearly all of the CLS classes overlap with pre-med requirements, and only physics, statistics, and genetics are required beyond the CLS classes.</p>
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## Additional information

Associate of Applied Science	Bachelor of Science	BS, Pre-Med Intent
<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology II w/lab</li><li>• General Chemistry I w/lab</li><li>• Microbiology for NHP w/lab</li><li>• Principles of CLS w/lab</li></ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 minimum GPA</li><li>• Application due April 15</li></ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II w/lab</li><li>• General Chemistry I &amp; II w/labs</li><li>• Microbiology for NHP w/lab</li><li>• Principles of CLS w/lab</li><li>• Most general education requirements</li></ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 minimum GPA</li><li>• Application due April 15</li></ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology I &amp; II w/lab</li><li>• General Chemistry I &amp; II w/labs</li><li>• Microbiology for NHP w/lab</li><li>• Principles of CLS w/lab</li><li>• Most general education requirements</li><li>• Physics I &amp; II w/labs</li><li>• Statistics</li><li>• Genetics</li></ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 minimum GPA</li><li>• Application due April 15</li></ul>
<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Dr. Stacy Walz, Department Chair, Program Director <a href="mailto:swalz@astate.edu">swalz@astate.edu</a>, (870) 680-8596</p> <p>Ms. Ashley Walls, Advisor, College of Nursing &amp; Health Professions <a href="mailto:awalls@astate.edu">awalls@astate.edu</a>, (870) 972-3713</p>		



**Communication Disorders Department**

**Name of Program:** Communication Disorders Program - Undergraduate  
**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science, 3-4 years

**Name of Program:** Communication Disorders Program - Graduate  
**Degree/Years:** Master of Communication Disorders (MCD), 19 months post-bachelor

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**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s Communications Disorders Program**

- Diverse faculty backgrounds: Each professor has a different clinical and academic background, so students are given insight in various clinic opportunities.
- Accelerated Master’s program: Students can earn our Master’s degree in 20 months.
- On campus Speech & Hearing Center: Provides both graduate and undergraduate students with a wide variety of hands-on clinical experiences
- Diverse clinical sites for student practicums: The Reading Bootcamp, Parkinson’s Bootcamp, Speak Out Therapy, and the Hispanic Center of Jonesboro

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in Communication Disorders. A-State offers two programs: Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science. Which one are you interested in?”

Student indicates interest in Communication Disorders <b>Bachelor of Science</b>	Student states interest in <b>Master of Communication Disorders (MCD)</b>	<b>What if my undergraduate degree is not Communication Disorders?</b>
“Great, we are so excited to have you join our program. For the CD Bachelor of Science, you will have to complete prerequisites, maintain a GPA of 2.75, college algebra, and composition I and II, observation hours, and speech and hearing screening. You can enroll in CD courses when you apply for the major and meet with your appointed advisor.”	“Great, For the master of communication disorders (MCD) you will need to get a bachelor’s degree, with the prerequisites that can be found on our website. For the master program, you will have to go through an application process which is found on our website as well.”	“This is completely fine. You will need to take courses to meet the prerequisites then you will apply to the master program.  Another option is to seek certification to become a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) through our national association, ASHA.”

Contact: Dr. Amy Shollenbarger, CD Department Chair  
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 870-972-3106

**Additional information**

Bachelor of Science CD	Masters of Science CD	Post- Degree
<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.75 or better overall GPA</li> <li>• Minimum of 30 hours of earned academic credit</li> <li>• “B” or better in MATH 1023 College Algebra</li> <li>• “C” or better in ENG 1003 Composition I and II</li> <li>• 3.2 or better combined GPA for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intro to psychology</li> <li>○ General chem lecture and lab</li> <li>○ Human A&amp;P lecture and lab</li> <li>○ Speech Hearing and Science</li> <li>○ A&amp;P of Communication</li> <li>○ Phonetics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 15 clock hours of observation</li> <li>• Speech and hearing screening ( it is free for CD students)</li> <li>• Extra affiliated expenses:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clinical rotation</li> <li>○ CPR and TB skin test</li> <li>○ Malpractice Insurance</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Application date will vary</b></p> <p><b>General Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLPs work to prevent, assess, diagnose and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive and swallowing disorder</li> <li>• The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is an independent organization that is for students affiliated in the communication science and disorders program.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Master’s Degree Program</b></p> <p><b>Summer 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intervention in CD</li> <li>- Voice Disorders</li> <li>- Motor Speech Disorder</li> <li>- Research in CD</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Year 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinician Practice 1</li> <li>- Swallowing disorders</li> <li>- Augmentative Disorders</li> <li>- Language and Learning Disorders</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Year 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical practice II</li> <li>- Neurogenic Language Disorders</li> <li>- Advanced Aural Rehabilitation ( or thesis)</li> <li>- Pediatric Feeding</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer Year 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical practice III</li> <li>- Fluency Disorders/ Diagnostics</li> <li>- Language intervention for At-Risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Year 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical Practice IV-externship</li> <li>- Contemporary Issues in CD (or thesis)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application for MCD Program</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GPA of 3.00 or higher or a GPA of 3.25 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work</li> <li>2. Formal letters seeking admission</li> <li>3. Three previous faculty members reference letters</li> <li>4. Resume community service</li> </ol> <p><b>Application due February 15 each year</b></p>	<p><b>Post-Degree Leveling Course</b></p> <p><b>Spring #1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phonetics</li> <li>- CD A&amp;P</li> <li>- Speech and Hearing Science</li> <li>- Diagnosis in CD</li> <li>- Normal Language Development</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Audiology</li> <li>- Service Delivery in Communication Disorders</li> <li>- Articulation and Phonological Disorders</li> <li>- Speech and Hearing Science</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring #2</b> <b>Clinical I (OPTIONAL)</b></p>

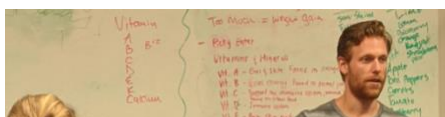


**B. S. in Communication Disorders Program**



**Master of Communication Disorders Program**

**Dietetics Program**





**Name of Program:** Dietetics

**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science, 2-years

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870.680.8598

### **Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Dietetics Programs**

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- Has a low student to faculty ratio to enhance learning.
- Offers the ease and accessibility of an online MS program to fit your needs.
- Has no DPD requirements and accepts students with any bachelor's degree along with MS prerequisites.

### **Advising Script**

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"Thank you for your interest in the dietetics program. A-State currently offers a master's degree that provides additional nutrition education for health professionals and a second master's degree that fulfills requirements that lead to the registered dietitian credentials. We also offer a minor in nutritional science which provides all the necessary prerequisites for entry into the master's programs. What program or degree path are you interested in?"

Student states interest in: <b>"Becoming a Registered Dietitian"</b>	Student states interest in: <b>"Secondary master's degree"</b>	Student states: <b>"I'm not sure."</b>
"Great! For the dietetics program will just need to complete the prerequisite courses for the program before applying. The prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in the prerequisite courses when you apply. At this time, I'd like to connect you with Dr. Tiffany Sterling, the program director and Ashley Walls, our academic advisor."  Select major as <b>Dietetics</b>	"Great! For the non-credentialing master's degree you will first need to get a bachelor's degree and there is a list of prerequisites that you will have to take. The bachelor's degree can be in any field, however one pertaining to health sciences is preferred due to the nature of the curriculum. At this point, I would like to connect you to the program director, Dr. Tiffany Sterling. She will be able to assist you in determining the best bachelor's pathway and tell you more about this master's program."	"That's perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about these two programs. At this time, I'm going to connect you to the Dietetics department for some more information."
Connect student to Tiffany Sterling at <a href="mailto:rsterling@astate.edu">rsterling@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for program information.		

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### **Additional information**

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Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics	Minor in Nutritional Science
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**Prerequisites for non-credentialing MS:**

- Bachelor’s degree
- Basic Human Nutrition
- Statistics of the Health Professions

**Application:**

- Application can be found on the Arkansas State University Online web page.
- Applications are accepted periodically throughout the year.
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.00
- Admission to A-State graduate school.
- See [astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/](http://astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/) for additional information.

**Prerequisites for RD credentialing MS:**

- Application can be found on the Arkansas State University Online web page.
- Applications are accepted periodically throughout the year.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of C or higher (contact faculty for prerequisite information)
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.00
- Admission to A-State graduate school.
- See [astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/](http://astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/) for additional information.

**Other:**

- Programs include both didactic and 1,000 supervised practice hours (depending on MS track). Students are responsible for expenses related to fieldwork.
- Students who want to apply to the coordinated master’s program but do not want/do not have an undergraduate degree in dietetics will need this minor, applied statistics (STAT 3233 or 3033), and ServSafe Certification.
- ServSafe certification can be done independently, or through the course NS 3133 Food Service Management.

**Courses Taken for Minor:**

- Life Cycle Nutrition
- Nutritional Biochemistry
- Nutrition Assessment
- Food Science & Lab
- Nutrition Counseling
- Community Nutrition
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Statistics for Health Professions (if pursuant of MS degree)

**Application:**

- Application can be found on the Dietetics A-State web page.
- Deadline is mid-February (dates vary) annually.
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.00
- Admission to A-State graduate school.
- See [astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/](http://astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/) for additional information

**Other:**

- All coursework (MS & Minor) offered online.
- A-State offers a student organization called Student Nutrition and Dietetics Association (SNDA), which provides a framework for meaningful student involvement and to stimulate interest in the profession of dietetics.
- Contact Eric West at [ewest@astate.edu](mailto:ewest@astate.edu) to get connected.

**Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (DPEM)**

**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science in DPEM, 4 years



Master of Science in DPEM, 2 years

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870.680.8286

### **Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management Programs**

- DPEM faculty have over 100 years of combined experience as emergency management practitioners
- DPEM makes practical use of all the skills and knowledge gained through general education at A-State. Health professionals can obviously benefit, but even museum curators and large corporations like Disney employ emergency managers
- DPEM is for everyone, but we cater to non-traditional students looking to advance careers in first responder and healthcare professions

### **Advising Script**

"DPEM is a great program. Not everyone realizes it can prepare you for both private- and public-sector jobs. Everyone from the federal government to Wal-Mart employs emergency managers. You can get an Associate's degree, Bachelor's, or Master's in DPEM. You can also minor in Homeland Security & Disaster Preparedness to make sure prospective employers in any field will know you have the skills to manage a crisis. In fact, a bachelor's degree in any discipline is accepted for admittance to our master's program. Which program are you interested in?"



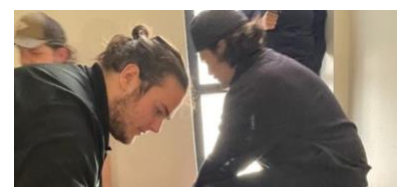
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**Additional information**

Bachelor of Science	Master of Science
<p><b>Corequisites must be completed within 1st semester:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA Independent Studies: IS-100.c, IS-200.c, IS-700.c, and IS-800.c (Courses are free and can be found at Training.FEMA.Gov).</li> <li>• Basic &amp; Core Disaster Life Support</li> <li>• Current CPR Certification (Red Cross or American Heart Association)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:dpem@astate.edu">dpem@astate.edu</a> to get started</li> <li>• Continued admission conditioned upon completion of core requisites</li> <li>• Practicum placement with emergency management agencies may require background check</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corequisites must be completed within 1st 7-week session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA Independent Studies: IS-100.c, IS-200.c, IS-700.c, and IS-800.c (Courses are free and can be found at Training.FEMA.Gov).</li> <li>• Basic &amp; Core Disaster Life Support</li> <li>• Current CPR Certification (Red Cross or American Heart Association)</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree in any field</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must meet requirements of the A-State Graduate School</li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:dpem@astate.edu">dpem@astate.edu</a> to get started</li> <li>• Continued admission conditioned upon completion of core requisites</li> <li>• Practicum placement with emergency management agencies may require background check</li> <li>• Personal interview with DPEM advisor required</li> </ul>

**EMT / Paramedic**

**Name of Program:** AAS Paramedic



**Degree/Years:** Certificate of EMT (7 weeks in Spring/Fall OR 10 weeks in Summer)  
 Certificate of Paramedic (1 year, requires EMT as prerequisite)  
 Associate of Applied Science, (2 years, requires EMT as prerequisite)

**Contact:** Brandon Johnson, Lead EMT Instructor,  
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 870.680.4685

**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s EMT/Paramedic Programs**

- Historic 100% job placement.
- Strong working relationship with NYITCOM and College of Nursing and Health Professions allows for unmatched collaborative learning.
- Fall, Spring or Summer start for paramedic and hybrid options for EMT.
- In addition to evidence-biased learning students have a variety of training locations such as an ambulance lab, simulated living environments, and an interactive immersive lab.

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in learning more about the A-State EMS program. A-State offers a path to EMT licensure as well as two paths to becoming a paramedic. There is an AAS in Paramedic as well as a certificate program that will allow licensure, but does not have a degree. The advantage to the AAS path is that you are better prepared should you decide later to move into a bachelor’s degree, want to transition into nursing, or want to someday move into management. Do you know which one are you interested in?”

Student states interest in: EMT certificate	Student states interest in: “AAS Paramedic”	Student states: “I’m not sure.”
<p>“Great. That is the first step to becoming a Paramedic, but also is a career path for many as well as a great addition to nursing or other health fields. There are no prerequisite courses, but there are a few different options in how to get into the program. The first step is to apply to the program, and how you do that is you need to contact the Lead EMT instructor Brandon Johnson.”</p> <p>Connect students to Brandon Johnson at <a href="mailto:brajohnson@astate.edu">brajohnson@astate.edu</a> to set up an advising meeting.</p>	<p>“Great. First you will need to be an EMT, that is the only prerequisite. If you are one already then you have the first step behind you, if not then you will need to take that the first semester. Either way you will need to contact Sara Walker who is Program Director who can advise you of your next steps. There are a few different options in becoming a paramedic and the first step would be to contact the program director, Sara Walker.”</p> <p>Should they be interested in the licensure w/o the AAS they should still contact Sara Walker who can advise them of steps and options.</p> <p>Connect students to Sara Walker at <a href="mailto:sawalker@astate.edu">sawalker@astate.edu</a> to set up an advising meeting</p>	<p>“There are a lot of choices out there, it can be overwhelming. If you are considering healthcare an EMT certificate can give you the opportunity to see many different sides of healthcare with only a 7 week commitment. In addition to classes, you will get to spend time on an ambulance as well as in a hospital ER. If you are unsure you can contact EMT instructor Brandon Johnson who will be happy to show you around and explain more.”</p> <p>Connect students to Brandon Johnson at <a href="mailto:brajohnson@astate.edu">brajohnson@astate.edu</a> to set up an advising meeting</p>

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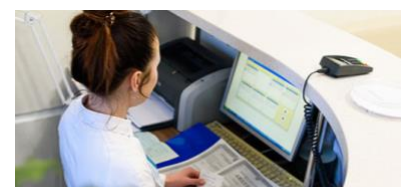
EMT	Paramedic	Paramedic to AASN (Associate of Applied Science in Nursing)
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<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be obtained by emailing Brandon Johnson at <a href="mailto:brajohnson@astate.edu">brajohnson@astate.edu</a></li> <li>• Deadline is 3 weeks before the start of the Fall or Spring semester</li> <li>• All course work must be completed with a 70% or higher.</li> <li>• Accepts maximum of 20 students per semester</li> <li>• Competitive Entry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMT certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be obtained by emailing Sara Walker at <a href="mailto:sawalker@astate.edu">sawalker@astate.edu</a></li> <li>• Deadline is 3 weeks before the start of the Fall or Spring semester to enter that cohort</li> <li>• Students must hold valid Arkansas EMT license or be enrolled in the A-State EMT program at the time of application.</li> <li>• All course work must be completed with a 70% or higher.</li> <li>• Accepts maximum of 12 students per cohort (2 cohorts yearly)</li> <li>• Competitive Entry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 2203 AND 2201, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Laboratory</li> <li>• ENG 1003, Composition I</li> <li>• MATH 1023, College Algebra (or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as a prerequisite)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find application on the School of Nursing A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadlines: August 31st – Oct. 1st</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prereqs at the time of application, and must be completed prior to the 1st semester in the program.</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of C or higher.</li> <li>• Admissions exam: <b>HESI A2</b> (must be completed before transition to AASN portion)</li> </ul> <p>Connect student to Brandon Johnson at <a href="mailto:brajohnson@astate.edu">brajohnson@astate.edu</a> for details.</p> <p>Campus Locations: Jonesboro only</p>
<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs include both clinical and fieldwork education. Students are responsible for expenses related to clinical and fieldwork</li> </ul>		



**Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (BSHS)**

**Name of Program:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Professional Track or Non-Professional Track



**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Professional Track/8-9 semesters (4-4.5 years)

**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Non- Professional Track/8 semesters (4 years)

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Dr. Jessica Camp,

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### Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Health Studies Program

- Students will be prepared to fill non-clinical roles in healthcare settings
- BSHS is a great way to bridge the gap between undergraduate and graduate degrees in other CNHP programs
- Pair a BSHS degree with a variety of Minors offered in the College of Nursing & Health Professions

### Advising Script

<p>If a student expresses interest in pursuing the BS in Health Studies, and they <b>DO NOT</b> already have an AAS in a healthcare profession (e.g. OTA, PTA, CLT), please share the following about the <b>Non-Professional Track</b>:</p>	<p>If a student expresses interest in pursuing the BS in Health Studies, and they are currently enrolled in or <b>have already completed an AAS degree in a healthcare profession</b> (e.g. OTA, PTA, CLT), please share the following about the <b>Professional Track</b>:</p>
<p>"The BSHS is a non-clinical degree that prepares you for employment in healthcare settings that support patient care, such as clinic office management, billing, patient advocacy &amp; navigation, patient safety &amp; healthcare quality, and medical device sales. The curriculum includes courses in Patient Safety, Public Health, Preventive Health, Chronic Illness, Healthcare Management, Patient Education, among many others. The degree program focuses heavily on developing good written and oral communication skills and a general understanding of healthcare and the challenges facing it."</p>	<p>"As a practicing healthcare professional (or someone currently enrolled in an AAS healthcare degree program), the BSHS can provide that "bridge" to a bachelor's degree that you need to apply for graduate study in your chosen field (e.g. OTD, DPT, MS, etc.). The curriculum includes courses in Patient Safety, Public Health, Preventive Health, Chronic Illness, Healthcare Management, Patient Education, among many others. The degree program, however, does not prepare you to apply to other professional doctorates, such as PharmD, MD/DO, DVM, etc.; the pre-requisite classes needed for application are not included as part of the regular curriculum of the BSHS."</p>
<p>Connect student to Ashley Walls, Advisor, at <a href="mailto:awalls@astate.edu">awalls@astate.edu</a>, (870) 972-3713</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Dr. Jessica Camp, BSHS Program Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:jcamp@astate.edu">jcamp@astate.edu</a>, (870) 680-4863</p>	

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### Additional information

<p><b>Non-Prof Track</b></p>	<p><b>Prof Track Pre-requisites</b></p>
<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p>

- Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab
- Physical Science w/lab
- College Algebra
- Introduction to US Healthcare
- Introduction to Psychology

**Application:**

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Application due March 15

- AAS degree in healthcare field
- A&P I w/lab
- Physical Science w/lab
- College Algebra or Plane Trigonometry
- Introduction to Psychology

**Application:**

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Application due March 15

**Medical Imaging and Radiation Science Department**

**Name of Program:** Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO)

**Degree/Years:** LXMO Certificate / 1 Semester





**Name of Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Radiography  
**Degree/Years:** Post-Baccalaureate Certificate / 12 Months  
**Contact:** Jessica Cooper,  
[jmcooper@astate.edu](mailto:jmcooper@astate.edu),  
 870-972-2747

**Name of Program:** Radiography Program  
**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science in Radiological Science, 30-36 months  
**Contact:** Ashley Walls,  
[awalls@astate.edu](mailto:awalls@astate.edu),  
 870-972-3713



**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s Medical Imaging & Radiation Science Programs**

- Only Bachelor of Science in Radiological Science of its kind, allowing students to graduate with knowledge from multiple medical imaging and therapy areas in 30-36 months.
- Outstanding job placement and national certification exam pass rates guarantee a bright future for A-State MIRS graduates.
- Nationally recognized faculty prepare students to shine academically and clinically, as well as providing opportunities to present or publish at various levels within the profession.

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in our radiography programs. A-State offers several options within the Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences department. The traditional radiography program is a bachelor degree program, which students can begin their freshman year, learning radiography and at least one other modality (MRI, CT, Radiation Therapy, Sonography, Mammography, or Interventional Radiography). The Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) program is a one semester certificate program offered fall term. Graduates of the certificate program generally work in clinics and doctor’s offices. The post-baccalaureate certificate in radiography is designed for those who have already completed a bachelor’s degree and want additional education in the medical field. Which one are you interested in?”

Student states interest in: “Traditional Radiography Program”- Bachelor’s Degree	Student state interest in: “LXMO”- Certificate	Student states interest in: “Post-Bac”- Certificate
<p>“Great. For the Radiography Program you will need to have completed the prerequisite courses or be enrolled in them before applying. The prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in the prerequisite courses when you apply. At this time, I’d like to connect you to Ashley Walls, the pre-professional advisor for the Radiography Program. She will help guide you on the next steps to take.”</p> <p>Connect student to Ashley Walls at <a href="mailto:awalls@astate.edu">awalls@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-3713 to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Radiography</b></p>	<p>“Great. For the LXMO program, there are no prerequisites required to apply! However, this program is designed for the clinical working person to maintain a certificate to further their career opportunities. At this time, I’d like to connect you to Jessica Cooper, the advisor for the LXMO Certificate Program. She will help guide you on the next steps to take.”</p> <p>Connect student to Jessica Cooper at <a href="mailto:jmcooper@astate.edu">jmcooper@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-2747 to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO) Certificate</b></p>	<p>“Great. For the Post-Bac Certificate in Radiography you will need to have completed the prerequisite courses and have already completed a Bachelor’s degree of some sort. At this time, I’d like to connect you to Jessica Cooper, the advisor for the Post- Bac Certificate in Radiography. She will help guide you on the next steps to take.”</p> <p>Connect student to Jessica Cooper at <a href="mailto:jmcooper@astate.edu">jmcooper@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-2747 to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select Major as <b>Medical Imaging and Therapy (post-baccalaureate certificate)</b>.</p>

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**Additional information**

Radiography Program	Limited X-ray Machine Operator Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
Prerequisites:	Prerequisites:	Prerequisites:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composition 1</li> <li>• College Algebra</li> <li>• Intro to Psychology</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab</li> <li>• Physical Science Lecture</li> <li>• Physical Science Lab</li> <li>• Intro to MIRS (transfer students, not required to take if transfer in all other coursework listed above)</li> <li>• Making Connections (waived if transfer with more than 13 credits post-high school)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found on the Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadline is Oct 31<sup>st</sup> annually.</li> <li>• New cohort starts in January annually.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application.</li> <li>• Accepts up to 40 students annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found in the Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadline is May 31st annually.</li> <li>• New cohort starts in August annually.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5</li> <li>• Accepts up to 20 students annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree</li> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology Lab I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</li> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology Lab II</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Jessica Cooper at <a href="mailto:jmcooper@astate.edu">jmcooper@astate.edu</a>.</li> <li>• Deadline is July 31st annually.</li> <li>• New cohort starts in August annually.</li> </ul>
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## School of Nursing

**Name of Program:** Traditional AASN (Associates of Applied Science in Nursing)

**Degree/Years:** Associate of Applied Science, 2-years



**Name of Program:** Traditional BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science, 3+ years

**Contact:** Rochelle Morris, Pre-Nursing Advisor

[rmorris@astate.edu](mailto:rmorris@astate.edu)

870-972-3074



### Top Reasons to Choose A-State's School of Nursing

- Job placement: There is currently a workforce shortage in this field, so nurses are in high demand.
- Degrees available at the Associates & Bachelor's level
- Earn an ASSN and work in locally the field while pursuing a BSN

### Advising Script

"Thank you for your interest in one of our nursing programs. A-State offers the AASN and BSN programs within the nursing department. The Traditional AASN is an associate degree program. The Traditional BSN program is an undergraduate program that when completed, you will earn a bachelor's degree. Upon completion of the AASN and BSN programs, you are eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Which one are you interested in?"

Student states interest in: "Traditional AASN"	Student states interest in: "Traditional BSN"	Student states: "I'm not sure."
<p>"Great. For the AASN program you will need to complete prerequisite courses before applying. We also require a GPA of 2.0 as well as a Cumulative GPA of 2.0. You will need to take the HESI A2 admissions exam prior to applying to the program. Prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in the prerequisite courses when you apply, but will need to earn a passing grade of a C or better. Let's connect you Rochelle Morris, the Pre-Nursing Advisor for the undergraduate nursing programs."</p> <p>Select major as <b>Traditional AASN</b></p> <p><b>OTHER:</b> Students who complete the AASN program can pursue the RN-BSN program which is through A-State Online</p>	<p>"Great. For the Traditional BSN program, you will first need to ensure you have all of the application pre-req courses, admissions exam and GPA requirements before applying to the program. The Traditional BSN program is competitive and we recommend having a middle to high range GPA for both pre-req and cumulative score. At this point, I would like to connect you to the Pre-Nursing Advisor, Rochelle Morris. She will be able to assist you in determining the best nursing program pathway and tell you more about the Traditional BSN program."</p> <p>Select major attribute for <b>Traditional BSN.</b></p>	<p>"That's perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about all of the undergraduate nursing programs. At this time, I'm going to connect you to the Nursing department for some more information. Rochelle Morris is the undergraduate Pre-Nursing Advisor for the department. She will be able to assist you in gaining information about the programs so that you can make an informed decision."</p>
<p>Connect student to Rochelle Morris at <a href="mailto:rmorris@astate.edu">rmorris@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p>		

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### Additional information

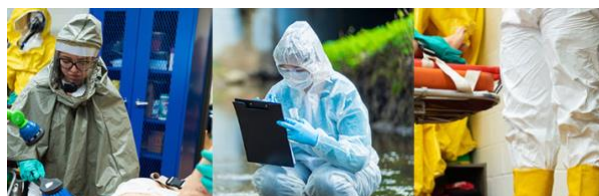
Traditional AASN (Associate of Applied Science in Nursing)	Traditional BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composition I</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I w/lab</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Algebra</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found on the School of Nursing A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadline is October 1st annually.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisite courses at time of application. Prerequisites must be completed before application deadline.</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of C or higher.</li> <li>• Admissions exam: HESI A2</li> </ul> <p>Campus Locations: Jonesboro &amp; Mid-South (West Memphis)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II w/lab (or one of these lecture/lab pairs: Microbiology w/lab or Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry w/lab)</li> <li>• Introduction to Psychology or Intro to Sociology</li> <li>• Composition I</li> <li>• Composition II</li> <li>• College Algebra</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found on the School of Nursing A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall Admission: April 30th – June 7th</li> <li>○ Spring Admission: August 31st – October 15th</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minimum Cumulative and Pre-Req GPA requirement: 3.0</li> <li>• Students must take HESI A2 admissions exam</li> <li>• Competitive Entry</li> </ul> <p>Campus Locations: Jonesboro only</p>
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<p><b>LPN-AASN (Associate of Applied Science in Nursing)</b></p> <p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 2203 AND 2201, Human Anatomy/Physiology I and Laboratory</li> <li>• BIO 2223 AND 2221, Human Anatomy/Physiology II and Laboratory</li> <li>• PSY 2013, Introduction to Psychology</li> <li>• ENG 1003, Composition I</li> <li>• MATH 1023, College Algebra (or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as a prerequisite)</li> <li>• NRS 2392, Health Assessment</li> <li>• NRSP 2391, Health Assessment Practicum</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find application on the School of Nursing A-State webpage</li> <li>• Deadlines: Fall Admission – April 30<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisites at the time of application. Prerequisites must be completed by the end Summer Session I</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of C or higher.</li> <li>• Admissions exam: HESI A2</li> </ul> <p><b>Campus Locations:</b> Jonesboro &amp; Mid-South (West Memphis)</p>	<p><b>LPN-AASN Online option (Associate of Applied Science)</b></p> <p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIO 2203 AND 2201, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Laboratory</li> <li>• BIO 2223 AND 2221, Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Laboratory</li> <li>• PSY 2013, Introduction to Psychology</li> <li>• ENG 1003, Composition I</li> <li>• MATH 1023, College Algebra (or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as a prerequisite)</li> <li>• NRS 2392, Health Assessment</li> <li>• NRSP 2391, Health Assessment Practicum</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find application on the School of Nursing A-State webpage</li> <li>• Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall Admission – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ Spring Admission – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ Summer Admission – Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisites at the time of application, and must be completed prior to the 1st semester in the program.</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of C or higher.</li> <li>• Admissions exam: HESI A2</li> </ul> <p><b>Campus Locations:</b> Jonesboro only</p>
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**Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health Program (OESH)**

**Name of Program:** Occupational and Environmental Safety & Health (OESH)  
**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science, 4-years



Contact: Dr. Julie King, OESH Program Director,  
[juking@astate.edu](mailto:juking@astate.edu),  
 870.972-3920

**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s Occupational / Environmental Safety and Health Program**

- Only Bachelor of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety & Health in the State of Arkansas
- Students will learn how to protect industrial workers and the environment with a dual focus on both occupational safety and environmental health.
- Program degree requirements prepare students for real-world experience and field specific certification exams such as the CSP and CIH exams.

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in our OESH program. A-State currently offers a bachelor’s degree in occupational and environmental safety and health and will be offering a completely online option for the degree starting in the spring of 2023. Are you interested in our face-to-face or online program?”

Student states, “I’m interested in starting the OESH program.”	Student states, “I’m interested in the online OESH program.”	Student states: “I’m not sure.”
<p>“Great! This is a 4-year program and the first year, you will need to complete prerequisite courses in math, biology, and chemistry. Our program director is Dr. Julie King and she would be happy to tell you more about which courses to take in preparation for upper level OESH courses”</p> <p>Select major as <b>Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health</b></p>	<p>“Great! For this option all of the courses are online including the prerequisite courses. Our program director, Dr. Julie King would be happy to tell you more about the program and you can find information about the online program by going to the A-State website and selecting ‘Online programs’ from the ‘Academics’ pull-down menu.”</p>	<p>““That’s ok. Our program in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health is a new program here at Arkansas State and there are many career options available. It is a 4-year Bachelor of Science program based in biology, chemistry, and math and gives students a chance to make a difference in peoples’ lives. I’m going to connect you to Dr. Julie King and she will be able to give you more information about the OESH program”</p>
<p>Connect student to Julie King at <a href="mailto:juking@astate.edu">juking@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for program information.</p>		

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**Additional information**

Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health (OESH) (BS )	OESH major program coursework
Prerequisites:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamentals of Occupational Health and Safety</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making Connections</li> <li>• Composition I</li> <li>• Composition II</li> <li>• College Algebra</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab</li> <li>• Fine arts (visual, music, or theater)</li> <li>• World Literature or Philosophy</li> <li>• Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry w/lab</li> <li>• Fundamental Concepts of Organic and Biochemistry</li> <li>• Oral Communication</li> <li>• Microbiology for Nursing &amp; Allied Health w/lab</li> <li>• US History OR Intro to US government</li> <li>• Statistics</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no formal application for the program.</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses and transfer work must be completed with a course grade of C or higher.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of Environmental Health</li> <li>• Toxicology</li> <li>• Recognition of Occupational Hazards</li> <li>• Epidemiology</li> <li>• Controls for Occupational Hazards</li> <li>• Water, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste treatment</li> <li>• Air Pollution</li> <li>• Issues in Industrial Hygiene</li> <li>• Occupational Illnesses</li> <li>• OSHA Standards and Practices</li> <li>• Environmental Health and Safety Management</li> <li>• Principles of Food Safety and Sanitation</li> <li>• Construction Safety</li> <li>• Accident Investigation and Analysis</li> <li>• Environmental Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Ergonomics</li> <li>• Process Safety</li> <li>• Fire Safety and Prevention</li> <li>• OESH Senior Seminar</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program includes an internship in the fourth year of 180 hours for hands-on, real-world experience.</li> <li>• This program will help you to achieve certifications necessary for advancement in the fields of occupational safety, industrial hygiene, and environmental health.</li> </ul>	

**Occupational Therapy Department**

**Name of Program:** Occupational Therapy Assistant Program  
**Degree/Years:** Associate of Applied Science, 2-years



**Contact:** Andrea Brown, OTA Program Director,  
[anbrown@astate.edu](mailto:anbrown@astate.edu),  
 870.680.4221

**Name of Program:** Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program  
**Degree/Years:** Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD), 3-years post-bachelor  
**Contact:** Dr. Christine Wright, OTD Program Director and Department Chair  
[cwright@astate.edu](mailto:cwright@astate.edu),  
 870.972.2610



**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s Occupational Therapy Programs**

- OTA offers a 1-year option from enrollment to graduation (most programs are 18 months-2 years)
- Students seeking an advanced degree can transition from the OTA into OTD program within the same department
- All courses have high-impact learning activities (experiential / service-learning, live client demos, field-trips)
- OTD is the first doctoral program in the State of Arkansas
- OTD Program has a 95% Graduation Rate, 100% Certification Exam Pass Rate and 100% Employment Rate within 6 months of graduation

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in one of our occupational therapy programs. A-State offers two programs within the occupational therapy department. The Occupational therapy assistant program is an associate degree program. The Occupational Therapy doctoral program is a graduate program that you would begin after a bachelor’s degree. Which one are you interested in?”

Student states interest in: “Occupational Therapy Assistant”	Student states interest in: “Occupational Therapy Doctorate”	Student states: “I’m not sure.”
<p>“Great. For the OTA program you will just need to complete the prerequisite courses for the program before applying. The prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in the prerequisite courses when you apply. At this time, I’d like to connect you Andrea Brown, the OTA program director. She will be your advisor and will help connect you to the OTA program.”</p> <p>Connect student to Andrea Brown at <a href="mailto:anbrown@astate.edu">anbrown@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Occupational Therapy Assistant</b></p>	<p>“Great. The OTD program requires a bachelor’s degree and prerequisites that you will have to take. The OTD program accepts any bachelor’s degree but there are a couple of degree paths that are preferred: 1) a Bachelor’s in psychology or 2) the OTA Associate’s degree coupled with a Health Studies bachelor’s degree. Let’s connect you to the program director of the OTD program, Dr. Christine Wright. She will be able to assist you in determining the best bachelor’s pathway and tell you more about the OTD program.”</p> <p>Connect student to Christine Wright at <a href="mailto:cwright@astate.edu">cwright@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Occupational Therapy Doctorate</b></p>	<p>“That’s perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about these two programs. At this time, I’m going to connect you to the OT department for some more information. Andrea Brown is the OTA program director but also a professional advisor for the department. She will be able to assist you in gaining information about the programs so that you can make an informed decision.”</p> <p>Connect student to Andrea Brown at <a href="mailto:anbrown@astate.edu">anbrown@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p>

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**Additional information**

<b>Occupational Therapy Assistant</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy Doctorate</b>
Prerequisites:	Prerequisites:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composition I</li> <li>• Composition II</li> <li>• College Algebra</li> <li>• Intro to Psychology</li> <li>• Intro to Computers OR Microcomputer Applications</li> <li>• US History OR Intro to US government</li> <li>• Developmental OR Abnormal Psychology</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab</li> <li>• Making Connections (waived if transfer with more than 13 credits post-high school)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found on the OTA A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadline is March 1 annually.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 2.75</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application.</li> <li>• All prerequisite courses must be completed with a course grade of B or higher.</li> <li>• Accepts maximum of 30 students annually</li> <li>• Competitive Entry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree (preferred Psychology or Health Studies)</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology II</li> <li>• Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab II</li> <li>• Medical Terminology</li> <li>• Physics for Health Professions or General Physics</li> <li>• Introduction to Psychology</li> <li>• Abnormal Psychology</li> <li>• Developmental Psychology</li> <li>• Statistics for Health Science Majors or Applied Statistics (Course must include inferential statistics)</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application can be found on the OTD A-State web page.</li> <li>• Deadline is February 1 annually.</li> <li>• Minimum GPA requirement: 3.00</li> <li>• Students must have completed or be enrolled in the last semester of their bachelor's degree and all prerequisites at the time of application.</li> <li>• Accepts maximum of 30 students annually</li> <li>• Competitive Entry</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs include both didactic and fieldwork education. Students are responsible for expenses related to fieldwork.</li> <li>• A-State offers a pre-OTA student organization called Occupational Therapy Student Association (OTSA). The purpose of the organization is to assist students in connecting with the programs and preparing for application. Contact Todd Sanders at <a href="mailto:tsanders@astate.edu">tsanders@astate.edu</a> to get connected.</li> </ul>	

## Physical Therapy Department

Name of Program: Physical Therapist Assistant Program





**Degree/Years:** Associate of Applied Science, 2-years

**Contact:** Becky Keith, PT, PTA Program Director;

[beckeith@astate.edu](mailto:beckeith@astate.edu),

870-972-2896

**Name of Program:** Doctor of Physical Therapy

**Degree/Years:** Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), 3-years post-bachelor

**Contact:** Rachel Wilkins, PT, DPT Advisor;

[rwilkins@astate.edu](mailto:rwilkins@astate.edu),

870-972-3591

### **Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Physical Therapy Programs**

- Outcome measures are above national average for Graduation Rate, Licensure Pass Rate and Employment Rate
- Many opportunities exist for collaboration with other healthcare students including PT, OT, nursing, etc.
- Resources available to PTA students exceed those offered at many community college campuses due to location at a 4-year institution.

### **Advising Script**

"Thank you for your interest in one of our physical therapy programs. A-State offers two programs within the physical therapy department. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is an associate degree program. The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is a graduate program that you would begin after a bachelor's degree. Which one are you interested in?"

<b>Student states interest in: "Physical Therapist Assistant"</b>	<b>Student states interest in: "Doctor of Physical Therapy"</b>	<b>Student states: "I'm not sure."</b>
<p>"Great. For the PTA program you will just need to complete the prerequisite courses for the program before applying. The prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in the prerequisite courses when you apply. At this time, I'd like to connect you to Becky Keith, the PTA program director. She will be your advisor and will help guide you to the PTA program."</p> <p>Connect student to Becky Keith at <a href="mailto:beckeith@astate.edu">beckeith@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Physical Therapist Assistant</b></p>	<p>"Great. For the DPT program you will first need to get a bachelor's degree. In addition to the bachelor's, there are prerequisites that you will have to complete. The DPT program accepts any bachelor's degree but there are a couple of degree paths that are preferred. The BS in Biology-Pre-Professional, Exercise Science, Psychology, Social Work or Clinical Lab Science are preferred. Another preferred path is to complete the PTA degree, move on to a Health Studies bachelor's degree then PT. Let's connect you to the Director of Clinical Education of the DPT program, Dr. Rachel Wilkins. She will be able to assist you in determining the best bachelor's pathway and tell you more about the DPT program."</p> <p>Connect student to Rachel Wilkins at <a href="mailto:rwilkins@astate.edu">rwilkins@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising."</p>	<p>"That's perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about these two programs. At this time, I'm going to connect you to the PT department for some additional information. Becky Keith is the PTA program director but also a professional advisor for the department. She will be able to assist you in gaining information about the programs so that you can make an informed decision."</p> <p>Connect student to Becky Keith at <a href="mailto:beckeith@astate.edu">beckeith@astate.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising"</p>

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### **Additional information**

<b>Physical Therapist Assistant</b>	<b>Doctor of Physical Therapy</b>
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**Prerequisites:**

- Composition I
- Composition II
- College Algebra
- Intro to Psychology
- US History OR Intro to US government
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
- Survey of Physics for Health Professions (will also accept General Physics I which requires Plane Trigonometry)
- Making Connections (waived if transfer with more than 13 credits post-high school)

**Application:**

- Application can be found on the PTA A-State web page.
- Deadline is March 1 annually.
- Students must have completed or be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application.
- Accepts maximum of 30 students annually
- Competitive Application Process

**Prerequisites:**

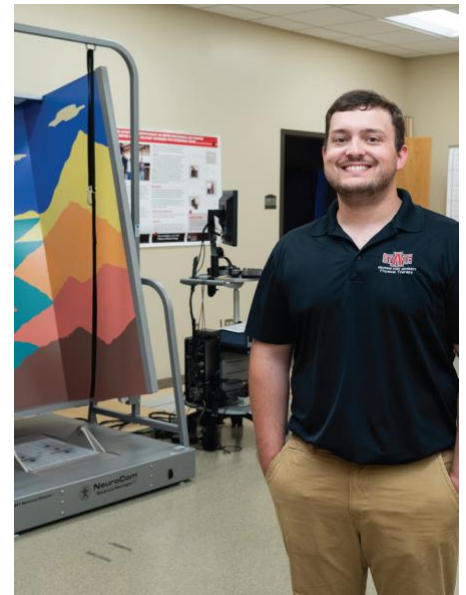
- Bachelor's degree (preferred Biology Pre-Professional, Exercise Science, Psychology, or Clinical Lab Science)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab II
- Medical Terminology
- Trigonometry or Calculus-Based General Physics I with lab
- Trigonometry or Calculus-Based General Physics II with lab
- Statistics

**Application:**

- Complete application through PTCAS ([www.ptcas.org](http://www.ptcas.org)) prior to February 1.
- Complete application through A-State Graduate School ([AState.edu/Graduate](http://AState.edu/Graduate)) prior to February 1.
- Original transcripts from ALL college coursework must be sent to PTCAS and the A-State Graduate School prior to February 1
- GRE is required
- A "B" or better must be obtained in all pre-requisite courses
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.00
- Accepts maximum of 30 students annually
- Competitive Application Process

**Other:**

- Program includes both classroom and clinical education. Students are responsible for expenses related to clinical experiences.



**Name of Program:** Public Health  
**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Science, 4 years  
**Contact:** Dr. Amanda Carpenter, Public Health Program Director  
[acarpenter@astate.edu](mailto:acarpenter@astate.edu),  
 (870) 972-3894

**Top Reasons to Choose A-State’s Public Health Program**

- Expertise: Faculty trained at the top schools of Public Health, including Johns Hopkins University (#1) and Harvard University (#2)
- Customization: Public Health covers a wide range of disciplines and students can tailor the degree program to their career goals—focusing on epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, health policy and management, or the social sciences
- Flexibility: Students can complete the degree in their own time and choose the courses that will make their public health degree unique

**Advising Script**

“Thank you for your interest in our undergraduate program in public health. The general education courses for the program can be found on the A-State website. You can be enrolled in these general education courses when you apply to the public health program. At this time, I’d like to connect you to Dr. Amanda Carpenter, the public health program director. She can tell you more about the Bachelor of Science in Public Health.”

<p><b>Student states interest in:</b>  <b>“Public Health”</b></p>	<p><b>Student states:</b>  <b>“I’m not sure.”</b></p>
<p>“Great. The application process for the program can be found on the A-State Online website. At this time, I’d like to connect you to Dr. Amanda Carpenter, the public health program director. She will be your advisor and will help connect you to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health program.”</p> <p>Connect student to Dr. Amanda Carpenter, <a href="mailto:acarpenter@AState.edu">acarpenter@AState.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p> <p>Select major as <b>Public Health</b>.</p>	<p>“That’s perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about the program. At this time, I’m going to connect you to Dr. Amanda Carpenter, the public health program director. She will be able to provide you with information about the program so you can make an informed decision.”</p> <p>Connect student to Dr. Amanda Carpenter, <a href="mailto:acarpenter@AState.edu">acarpenter@AState.edu</a> to set up a meeting for advising.</p>



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**Additional information**

**Public Health, Bachelor of Science**

**General Education Requirements:**

- Applied Statistics I
- Composition I
- Composition II
- College Algebra
- Making Connections
- Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health Laboratory
- Oral Communication

**Admissions Requirements:**

- Student must be admitted to Arkansas State University
- Overall grade point average of 2.75

**Application**

- Application can be found on the A-State Online website
- Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis



**Name of Program:** BSW and MSW

**Degree/Years:** Bachelor of Social Work (2 full time years to completion after 45 hours of General Education).  
Master of Social Work (Advanced Standing 1 full time year and Standard Foundation full time 2 years).

**Contact:** Rashele Wade, BSW Director  
[rwade@astate.edu](mailto:rwade@astate.edu)

Dr. Cheryl Knight, MSW Director & Department Chair  
[cknight@astate.edu](mailto:cknight@astate.edu)

**Office Number:** 870-972-3984

### **Top Reasons to Choose A-State's Social Work Program**

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- Beginning in the summer of 2023, A-State's Master of Social Work program will be delivered online.
- A-State's social work programs focus on the areas of rural social work and trauma, both of which are significant to the state's population needs.
- A-State offers a variety of internships in specialized fields of interest, including opportunities for stipends in field placements at both the BSW and MSW level.

### **Advising Script**

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"Thank you for your interest in one of our Social Work Programs. A-State currently offers a bachelor's degree and master's degree in social work. What program are you interested in?"

<b>Student states interest in: Bachelor's Degree...</b>	<b>Student states interest in: Master's Degree...</b>	<b>Student states: "I'm not sure."</b>
<p>"Great! For the social work BSW program you will need to complete the prerequisite courses for the program before applying. The prerequisites for the program can be found on the A-State website. I would like to connect you to Rashele Wade, the BSW Program Director to get additional information about this degree.</p> <p>Connect student to Rashele Wade at <a href="mailto:rwade@astate.edu">rwade@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-3984 to set up a meeting for program information.</p>	<p>"Do you already have a Bachelor's degree in some field?" If no, then use the information in the BSW box.</p> <p>If yes: "I will need to provide you contact information for Dr. Cheryl Knight to get additional information about this degree. She can work with you to navigate through prerequisites and the graduate school application process.</p> <p>She can be reached at <a href="mailto:cknight@astate.edu">cknight@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-3984.</p>	<p>"That's perfectly fine. It would probably help for you to hear more about these two programs. At this time, I'm going to connect you to the Social Work Department for some more information."</p> <p>Connect student to Rashele Wade at <a href="mailto:rwade@astate.edu">rwade@astate.edu</a> or 870-972-3984 to set up a meeting for program information.</p>

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**Additional information**

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BSW Program	MSW Program
<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 General Education hours</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once students complete required prerequisite courses and have earned a minimum of 45 hours, they can apply to the BSW program.</li> <li>• Applications are due by the second Friday in February for admission into the program for the fall semester of the same year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bachelor’s degree in some field is required for admission into the MSW program.</li> <li>• Students who meet the required criteria may be eligible to apply for the advanced standing MSW program</li> <li>• Those who do not meet the advanced standing criteria will be eligible for the foundation MSW program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MSW Online Program has rolling admissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 admit dates for the Advanced track</li> <li>○ 6 admit dates for the Standard/Foundation track</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Apply at <a href="https://admissions.astate.edu/apply">admissions.astate.edu/apply</a></li> <li>• All applications must go through the Graduate School.</li> </ul>