



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Applicants are evaluated on the following factors:

A. Academic/Cognitive Measures

1. Cumulative GPA (10%)
2. Prerequisite Coursework GPA (25%)
3. Reading Comprehension (25%)

B. Non-Cognitive Measures

1. Observation and Reference Forms (20%)
2. Interview (20%)

C. Bonus credit is given for bilingual applicants who can demonstrate fluency in use of the Spanish language.

Applicants are chosen based on cumulative GPA, prerequisite GPA, reading comprehension and reference/observation scores. The top applicants will be invited to participate in a structured interview process. Following the interview, the top 30 applicants (Jonesboro) and top 12 applicants (Mountain Home) will be chosen for the program. The remaining applicants will be designated as alternates. In the case of a tie, the final decision shall be made by the PTA faculty in conjunction with the chair of the Physical Therapy department.

Admissions policies and procedures are reviewed/updated annually. Applicants should check with a PTA adviser to make sure they have the most current materials. If you have additional questions about the application or admissions process, please feel free to contact the Physical Therapy department.

ACCREDITATION

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, the sole accrediting agency of U.S. physical therapy education programs [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Telephone: 703-706-3245].

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT A-STATE

- Arkansas State University - AState.edu
- Admissions - 800-382-3030 or AState.edu/Admissions
- Advisement Services - 870-972-3001 or AState.edu/College/University-College/Advising-Center
- Registrar - 870-972-2031 or AState.edu/Registrar
- Student Affairs - 870-972-2048 or AState.edu/Student-Affairs

ADVISING

Advising is available for all students interested in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. To schedule an appointment with an adviser, please contact our office at 870-972-3591.

Transfer students should contact the Admissions Office or the Registrar for information about whether or not courses taken elsewhere will transfer to A-State.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

■ WHAT IS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT?

The physical therapist assistant (PTA) is a technically-educated healthcare provider who assists the physical therapist in the provision of physical therapy and may perform physical therapy interventions selected by the supervising physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant works under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist, helping manage conditions such as back and neck injuries, sprains/strains, fractures, arthritis, burns, amputations, stroke, multiple sclerosis, birth defects, injuries related to work and sports, and others.

Physical therapist assistants work in a broad range of settings, including the following:

- Hospitals
- Outpatient clinics
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Skilled nursing, extended care, or sub-acute facilities
- Homes
- Education or research centers
- Schools
- Industrial, workplace, or other occupational environments
- Fitness centers and sports training facilities

■ THE PTA PROGRAM

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at A-State is an associate-level program that results in the awarding of the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. The program is designed to prepare a generalist physical therapist assistant and to foster lifelong learning and development. The program includes one year of prerequisite coursework and one year of professional coursework. The prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to admission to the professional coursework.

■ ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is a competitive process. To be considered for admission, applicants should:

- **Obtain admission to Arkansas State University.**
- **Be aware of the University General Requirements for Associate Degree found in the ASU Undergraduate Bulletin.**
- **Possess the skills and abilities outlined in the Abilities and Skills of the Physical Therapist Assistant document located in the application packet.**
- **Complete the following Prerequisite Coursework (or equivalent):**

PTA PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

General Education Courses (15 credit hours):

ENG	1003	Composition I
ENG	1013	Composition II
MATH	1023	College Algebra
PSY	2013	Intro to Psychology

One of the following:

POSC	2103	American Government
HIST	2763	U.S. History I
HIST	2773	U.S. History II

Required Support Courses (10 credit hours):

BIO	2201/2203	Human Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
PTA	1013	Making Connections in Rehab Services
PHYS	2133	Survey of Physics for Health Professions*

**PHYS 2054 General Physics I will be accepted*

Total Prerequisite Hours = 25 hrs

The PTA program is offered at both Jonesboro and Mountain Home campuses. The earned degree is awarded by the Jonesboro campus.

PTA PROFESSIONAL COURSEWORK

SUMMER

PTA	2116	Patient Care Fundamentals
PTA	2126	Movement Science

FALL

PTA	2213	Musculoskeletal PT
PTA	2223	Physical Agents and Massage
PTA	2233	Neuromuscular PT I
PTA	2252	Clinical Education I*
PTA	2263	Pathophysiological Conditions

SPRING

PTA	2303	Neuromuscular PT II
PTA	2323	Seminar
PTA	2333	Clinical Education II*
PTA	2343	Clinical Education III*

Professional Program Hours = 38

Total Hours for Degree = 63

*Completion of the professional program requires the student to participate in three full-time clinical internships. Clinical Education I occurs at the end of the fall semester. Clinical Education II and III occur at the end of the spring semester. Clinical education may require the student to travel away from Northeast Arkansas or North Central Arkansas.

The last number of each course reflects the number of credit hours per course. Students will not be paid for clinical work.

■ PROGRAM COSTS

For current estimated cost information, please visit our website at AState.edu/CoNHP/PT.

■ APPLICATIONS

Applications for the PTA program can be obtained by contacting the Department of Physical Therapy. Applications can also be downloaded from our website: AState.edu/CoNHP/PT. The application deadline for any given year is March 1.

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