

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Q & A

We will try to touch on each of the commonly asked questions, give you information that will likely address your concerns, and also provide contact information for any issues not addressed here.

Please read the following before contacting faculty and staff of the Program

1. **In which discipline should I major for my undergraduate degree?** We do not require any specific degree or major area of study. You are free to obtain an undergraduate degree in any field. We do, however, require that six (6) specific courses / content be part of the degree OR taken as electives. These prerequisites are listed below.
 - a. Many students still press us for a specific field of undergraduate study. Common majors we see are Biology, Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Kinesiology and Psychology. We have had students with degrees in Business, English and even Agricultural Sciences be admitted to the Program. The decision as to a major field of study is truly your choice.

2. **What are the six (6) prerequisite courses / content referred to above?** This question is an easy one. The courses and some general comments about each appear below.
 - a. **Medical Terminology** – Can be a 1 – 3 credit hour course. You may take it at any level (freshman to Senior). The course must be completed at an accredited college or university.
 - b. **Statistics** – This should be a three (3) credit course that covers basic statistical concepts such as descriptive statistics (means, median, mode, p value, r value), basic inferential statistics (t- test, ANOVA, Chi square) and data management. Common disciplines offering such courses include mathematics, psychology and business.
 - c. **General Physics I and II** – We require eight (8) credit hours in this area. We are looking for two courses (two terms) that include labs. Topical areas that should be included are light, heat, sound, forces and vectors, acceleration, electricity and magnetism, etc.
 - d. **Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II** – We require 8 credits (two courses, including labs) in this area.

3. **I have already submitted my application. Did you receive it?** We use PTCAS (a national clearinghouse for PT applications) in our admissions process. Students submit all admissions documents to us via PTCAS. PTCAS verifies the applicant's transcripts as to validity and then the application is forwarded to us. The applicant receives an email notification from PTCAS that his / her application has been forwarded to the Program. You know as soon as we know that your application has reached ASU. The applicant can also determine the status of his or her materials related to admission by checking his / her application status on the PTCAS web site. Completed

applications are batched to us from PTCAS on a weekly basis, but we do not process them until the application deadline has passed. Do not contact the Program about your application status. You will be notified by email regarding your standing after our admissions decisions are made.

As mentioned above, one of the best resources you have for making application or considering application to our program is the Program web site (<https://www.astate.edu/degrees/dpt-physical-therapy>). Please be sure to carefully surf these pages. It is likely that many questions will be quickly resolved by doing so.

If after reading this reply, and carefully examining our web site, you still have unresolved questions or concerns you are welcome to contact the Administrative Assistant at slintz@astate.edu. If Ms. Lintz is not able to assist you completely she will direct you and your question to the appropriate member of the Admissions Committee.

We hope this has served its intended purpose and assisted you in your application process. We remain committed to assisting you in the most efficient manner possible.

Sincerely,

DPT Admissions Committee