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**2.Proposed Change**

Adding admission requirements to bulletin, which are currently on our webpage.

**3.Effective Date**

7/1/2019

**4.Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

Student admissions information is located on the DPT website, but is not listed in the bulletin.

**Bulletin Changes**

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Program of Study for the Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is the preferred degree by the Commission on Accredita­tion in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and the American Physical Therapy Association’s (APTA) and it reflects the current level of study that is required to meet the latest standards for physical therapy education.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admissions requirements include an earned bachelor’s degree in a related field, acceptance to A-State, Graduate Programs, satisfactory completion of pre-requisite courses and Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Completing admis­sion requirements does not ensure acceptance into the DPT program as students are admitted on a competitive space-available basis. Prior to admissions students must verify he/she meets the Technical Skills and Ability for the program and successfully pass background checks.

###### No specific field of study is required for the bachelor’s degree. Students are encouraged to select undergraduate majors consistent with their individual abilities and interests; however, the required courses in some majors such as biology and exercise science are more consistent with the specific DPT prerequisites. Students in other majors may have to complete more credit hours than the minimum required for graduation. Applicants must have an overall GPA score of 3.0 or higher to apply. The overall GPA includes concurrent high school, undergraduate and graduate credits.

Applicants must complete **all** pre-requisite courses with a letter grade of **B or higher** at the time of admissions (February 1) for the DPT program. Pre-requisite courses include:

* Medical Terminology (1 to 3 credits - Must be taken from an accredited college or university)
* Statistics (3 credits)
* General Physics I (4 credits - Must include lab)
* General Physics II (4 credits - Must include lab)
* Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits - Must include lab)
* Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits - Must include lab)

### Applying to PTCAS / A-State Graduate Program

Arkansas State University's DPT program subscribes to the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). Applicants for admission to the A-State DPT program MUST apply online using the PTCAS application. In addition, **students must also apply online to the A-STATE Graduate Program. Transcripts must be sent to both PTCAS and A-State's Graduate Program.**

**The deadline for submitting applications to PTCAS and the A-STATE Graduate Program is February 1st.**

To learn more about the PTCAS application process and to get started, please go to the [https://portal.ptcas.org/](https://portal.ptcas.org/" \t "_blank). Information about the A-State Graduate Program application is included as "supplemental material" on the PTCAS website. Please contact PTCAS Customer Service at 617-612-2040 or [ptcasinfo@ptcas.org](mailto:ptcasinfo@ptcas.org) .

Once a student submits an application through PTCAS, the transcript information is verified by PTCAS. This process takes time and depends both on the efficiency of PTCAS and the speed with which schools respond to the inquiries from PTCAS. A-State will accept completed, verified applications from PTCAS until March 1st.

If PTCAS has not completed the verification process by March 1st, the application will not be considered, even if it was submitted by the February 1st deadline. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications well before the deadline to ensure that the verification process will be completed by the deadline.

#### The DPT program requires the GRE scores for admissions. Students must send GRE scores to PTCAS (Code #6011) and A-State Graduate Programs (Code #4108).

**Spanish Proficiency**

Spanish proficiency is not required for admissions. However, individuals with Spanish proficiency can earn up to 5 points based on Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in the admissions scoring process. Students will submit OPI results to the A-State Graduate Program and through PTCAS. Students may get additional information on OPI using the following link: <https://www.languagetesting.com/ltiapi/index/products/>**.**

**The Department of Physical Therapy will begin reviewing applications after March 1st.**