



# Arkansas College of Health Education

Program Information	
Program Name	Arkansas College of Health Education
General Description / Special Programs	
Established	
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Program Information	
Program Description	<p>The Mission of the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education School of Physical Therapy is to educate highly skilled and compassionate physical therapists who will exemplify, through leadership, scholarship and clinical advancement, a dedication to the profession, society, and the underserved. The ACHE School of Physical Therapy Program is a safe, open, and welcoming learning community focused on interprofessional, evidence-based practice and the development of clinical reasoning skills.</p> <p>Our dedicated and expert core faculty represent wide range of clinical specialty practice, research expertise, and service to the profession and community and serve as faculty mentors to our students. Classes for the three-year, 123-unit entry-level program are held in a 66,000 square foot state-of-the-art building designed to optimize the learning experience. In addition to 32 weeks of full-time clinical education, students participate in early integrated clinical experiences alongside faculty in our on-site pro-bono clinic. These experiences are designed to allow students to transfer knowledge from the classroom to real life patient care beginning in the second term and continuing throughout the didactic portion of the curriculum. In addition to the on-site pro-bono clinic, the campus offers a human anatomy lab, high-fidelity simulation center, a Live and Learn Center and a branch of the Arkansas iCAN assistive technology project.</p> <p>ACHE is also developing an innovative 120,000 square foot Research and Wellness Institute focused on transforming health and wellness education using community engaged holistic approach. The Institute will be guided by the eight domains of wellness including, emotional, environmental, social, occupational, financial, spiritual, intellectual, and physical allowing students to integrate evidence-based models that address the social determinants of health, access to care, the physical environment to affect community health behaviors. Arkansas Colleges of Health Education is in a vibrant community with a wide variety of cultural and outdoor activities close to major cities including Little Rock, AR, Fayetteville, AR and Tulsa, OK.</p>
Program offers a guaranteed freshman admission pathway?	No
Will the professional (entry-level) PT program offer a satellite or branch campus to applicants during the upcoming admissions cycle?	No

## Program Information

Program conducts interviews as part of the admissions process?	Yes
Additional information about interviews	Admissions Interviews will be conducted on site. However, if the need arises, the interviews can be held virtually. Interviews are required for admissions and are scheduled on a rolling basis throughout the fall and early spring semesters. Applicants selected for an interview will receive an email invitation.
Is a Deposit Required for Accepted Applicants?	Yes
Total cumulative deposit	\$500
Additional Information about Deposit	The non-refundable enrollment deposit will be applied to the first year's summer semester tuition.
Deposit Refundable?	No
Due Date of First Required Deposit	01/15/2022
Anticipated Size of the Next Entering Class	40
Size of Most Recent Entering Class	36
% of IN-STATE applicants accepted	66.7%
% of OUT-OF-STATE (non-resident) U.S. applicants accepted	33.3%
% Male	38.9%
% Female	61.1%
% Hispanic	8.3%
% American Indian/Alaskan Native	5.6%
% Asian	13.9%
% African-American/Black (Non-Hispanic)	11.1%
% White (Not of Hispanic Origin)	58.3%
% Declining to State	2.8%

## Admission Requirements

Supplemental FEE required?	No
Supplemental APPLICATION required?	No
Supplemental MATERIALS required?	No
Is GRE Required?	No
Physical Therapist-1	Evaluator type accepted
Physical Therapist-2	Evaluator type accepted
Professor in Major	Evaluator type accepted
Professor	Evaluator type accepted
Academic	Evaluator type accepted
Supervisor/Employer	Evaluator type accepted
Teaching Assistant	Evaluator type not accepted
PTA	Evaluator type accepted
Pre-PT Advisor	Evaluator type accepted
Politician	Evaluator type accepted
Health Care Professional	Evaluator type accepted
Friend	Evaluator type not accepted
Family Member	Evaluator type not accepted
Co-worker	Evaluator type not accepted
Clergy	Evaluator type accepted
Other	Evaluator type not accepted
Number of references required by program	2
Additional information about program's reference requirements	At least one letter from a physical therapist is preferred.
Program's PT hours requirement	PT hours are not required but are considered
Total number of PT Hours REQUIRED	0
Total number of PT Hours RECOMMENDED	20
Paid	Accepted/Considered
Volunteer	Accepted/Considered
Inpatient	Accepted/Considered
Outpatient	Accepted/Considered
Additional information about program's GPA requirements	While a minimum GPA is not required, ACHE DPT uses a holistic review process, which includes an assessment of an applicant's academic performance and potential for educational success. The program uses the highest grade earned in prerequisite GPA calculations, if course was repeated.
Program considers Canadian coursework?	No
Program policy for non-U.S. (foreign/international) coursework	Send WES foreign transcript evaluation to PTCAS (recommended)
Are non-native English Speakers required to submit TOEFL scores?	Not sure at this time
Citizenship types eligible for admission U.S. citizens	U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents

## Course Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree required prior to matriculation into PT program?	Yes
General Information	All course prerequisites must have a grade of C or better. Grades of pass are acceptable.
Anatomy and/or Physiology (A&P) course prerequisites MUST be completed in biology, neuroscience, anatomy, or integrated physiology department	No
Link to program's prerequisite instructions	<a href="https://acheedu.org/physical-therapy/admissions/">https://acheedu.org/physical-therapy/admissions/</a>

## Anatomy & Physiology I

Coursework older than <b>10</b> years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li> <li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Comparative</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Human</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Anatomy & Physiology II

Coursework older than <b>10</b> years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;P: Advanced</li> <li>• A&amp;P: COMBINED Course (eg. A&amp;P)</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Comparative</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Human</li> <li>• A&amp;P: Physiology</li> <li>• A&amp;P: SEPARATE courses</li> </ul>

## Biology I

Coursework older than <b>10</b> years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: Any</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: Embryology</li> <li>• Biology: General</li> <li>• Biology: General I</li> <li>• Biology: General II</li> <li>• Biology: Genetics</li> <li>• Biology: Histology</li> <li>• Biology: Immunology</li> <li>• Biology: Microbiology</li> <li>• Biology: Molecular</li> <li>• Biology: Zoology</li> </ul>

## Biology II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4  
QS: 6

Acceptable Courses

- Biology: Advanced
- Biology: Any
- Biology: Cell
- Biology: Embryology
- Biology: General
- Biology: General I
- Biology: General II
- Biology: Genetics
- Biology: Histology
- Biology: Immunology
- Biology: Microbiology
- Biology: Molecular
- Biology: Zoology

## Chemistry I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4  
QS: 6

Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry I
- Chemistry: Advanced
- Chemistry: Any
- Chemistry: Biochemistry
- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

## Chemistry II

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4  
QS: 6

Acceptable Courses

- Chemistry II
- Chemistry: Advanced
- Chemistry: Any
- Chemistry: Biochemistry
- Chemistry: Inorganic
- Chemistry: Organic

## Physics I

Coursework older than **10** years will not be accepted

Course Level General or College

Lab Required Required

Credits SH: 4  
QS: 6

Acceptable Courses

- Physics I
- Physics: Any
- Physics: General

## Physics II

Coursework older than <b>10</b> years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Required
Credits	SH: 4 QS: 6
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics II</li> <li>• Physics: Any</li> <li>• Physics: General</li> </ul>

## Psychology

Coursework older than <b>10</b> years will not be accepted	
Course Level	General or College
Lab Required	Not Required
Credits	SH: 3 QS: 4.5
Acceptable Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Abnormal</li> <li>• Psychology: Adolescent</li> <li>• Psychology: Advanced</li> <li>• Psychology: Any</li> <li>• Psychology: Child</li> <li>• Psychology: Death &amp; Dying</li> <li>• Psychology: Developmental</li> <li>• Psychology: General</li> <li>• Psychology: General I</li> <li>• Psychology: General II</li> <li>• Psychology: Growth &amp; Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Human Behavior</li> <li>• Psychology: Life Span Development</li> <li>• Psychology: Psychopathology</li> <li>• Psychology: Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Psychology: Social</li> <li>• Psychology: Sports</li> </ul>

## Deadlines

PT program start date for entering class	05/24/2022
Multiple start dates?	No
PTCAS application deadline	March 1, 2022
Deadline Type	Firm
Program has rolling admissions process?	Yes
Important dates	<p><b>Priority application deadline: October 1, 2021</b></p> <p>Verified PTCAS applications received by the priority deadline will receive priority. If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified via email.</p> <p><b>Final application deadline: March 1, 2022</b></p> <p>Submit completed application and required materials to PTCAS by this deadline for May 2022 enrollment.</p> <p><b>Enrollment Deposit Info:</b></p> <p>Students offered admission to the ACHE DPT program prior to January 1, 2022 must pay deposit on <b>January 15, 2022</b>.</p> <p>Students receiving admission offers after January 15, 2022 will have two weeks to pay deposit.</p> <p><i>Missing your deposit deadline will forfeit your seat in the incoming class.</i></p>

## Program Contacts

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