

Admissions and Articulation Agreement

*Grand Canyon University and
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, Arizona School of Health Sciences*

This agreement acts as an understanding between the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), Physical Therapy Department at A.T. Still University of Health Sciences and the Grand Canyon University (GCU) Bachelor of Science, Pre-PT Programs in Biology and Exercise Science. This agreement also immediately nullifies any previous articulation agreements with GCU regarding student admission into the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at ATSU.

Effective March 6, 2013, ASHS PT Department agrees to reserve 7 acceptances, in total, for qualified BS Biology: Pre-PT and BS Exercise Science: Pre-PT GCU applicants per admission year. These two Programs will subsequently be referred to as Pre-PT Major. Applicants must apply through the Physical Therapy Central Application Service (PTCAS) to A.T. Still University. Following submission, the applicant's overall and science grade point averages will be evaluated to determine if they meet the minimum GPA requirement posted on the ATSU Physical Therapy Admissions webpage. Pre-PT Major GCU applicants meeting this minimal requirement will be invited to submit a secondary application. Additionally, Pre-PT Major GCU applicants should submit a Letter of Intention to the Chair of the PT Department to notify the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program of their intention to be considered for admission under this articulation agreement. The Letter of Intention will act as a prompt to the Admissions Committee that the GCU applicant has met basic criteria and will be given priority consideration. A letter in Word format attached to an email is acceptable and preferred.

Pre-PT Major GCU applicants will be reviewed by the Director of Retention and Progression or Chair of the Admissions Committee in the DPT program at ATSU to ensure that all admissions criteria are met. Pre-PT Major GCU applicants who meet the minimum admissions requirements will receive an invitation to interview. If the applicant receives benchmark scores on his/her interview, he/she will be offered admission into the program.

The seven reserved seats for Pre-PT Major GCU students will be reviewed annually with a potential for more seats depending on the total applicant pool from GCU and the educational progress of students admitted under the articulation agreement.

If by December 1, of the annual admissions cycle we have less than 7 qualified applicants from GCU, we will give away the remaining seats for that cycle to other qualified applicants.

This articulation agreement will be reviewed annually for updates and process changes.