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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION:**Accreditor:** Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**Carnegie Classification:** Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)**PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:****Date of Initial Accreditation:** Bachelor's degree, April 1998 (no longer offered) Master's degree, November 2000**Current Accreditation Status:** Accreditation**Next Visit** 2013**Five Year History:** Accreditation**DEGREE CONFERRED:** Master of Physical Therapy**GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Students who are admitted to the Program already hold undergraduate degrees in various disciplines. Program requires particular prerequisite courses, but does not give preference to any particular undergraduate degree program. Must first gain admission to ASU Graduate School. Professional program is 2.5 years in length. Includes 25 weeks of clinical education experiences. Each cohort begins the Program in the first summer session. One class is accepted each year. Application deadline is March 1.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

The clinical experiences are comprised of five different 5-week rotations for a total of 25 weeks. ASU has over 150 sites contracted for clinical education.

FACULTY:

There are seven full-time faculty members. All faculty members have post-professional graduate degrees. Three of the full-time faculty members hold doctoral degrees. The faculty to student ratio is approximately 1:2

ENROLLMENT:

Total enrollment for the 2003-2004 academic year at Arkansas State University (ASU) was just over 10,500 students. The Graduate Program in Physical Therapy enrolls up to 16 students, one time each year.

ADMISSION:

Students must complete an undergraduate bachelor's degree, complete a block of 30 credits considered prerequisite to the program (may be part of the undergraduate degree), be accepted by the ASU Graduate School, and be selected by the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy Admissions and Exceptions Committee. Information about the prerequisite courses and the admissions process (including a downloadable application) can be found at <http://pt.astate.edu>. The application process is competitive and requires the student to complete a current application packet. Application can be made at any time, but must be completed by March 1 for any given year.

OUTCOMES:

85% of admitted students graduate from the program (3-year average) 91% of the graduates passed the licensure exam (3-year average); and 100% of those program graduates passing the licensure exam are employed (3-year average).

TUITION, FEES AND FINANCIAL AID:

Full-time tuition for the 2004-2005 academic year is \$192 per credit hour for Arkansas residents and \$434 per credit hour for non-residents. Information regarding fees for room and board is dependent upon specific meal plans and may be obtained from the Office of Admissions. Ample private housing is available in the community at a modest cost. Other costs include lab fees, nametags, significant amounts for books, additional transportation, and room and board costs for clinical education at distant sites. Uniforms may be required at some clinical sites as well. Financial assistance is coordinated through the Financial Aid Office, PO Box 1620, State University, AR 72467. Information about available scholarships may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

STUDENT LIFE:

Graduate students in the Physical Therapy Program at ASU have many opportunities to become active citizens of the University and community. The Program is designed for student to be active adult learners who are engaged in their education with faculty leadership. The Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) is involved in social, political, academic, and community service activities. Undergraduate (nonprofessional) students may also be members of the PTSA. There are also a number of other social and religious student organizations that provide extracurricular opportunities for a well-rounded college lifestyle. Students are admitted free to all home sports events and the University hosts a number of regional events, concerts, plays, and other cultural events. A new Student Union was opened this year that includes a food court and a fully equipped exercise facility exclusively for students. Arkansas State University is located in the city of Jonesboro which is in Northeast Arkansas, close to the Ozark Mountains, 131 miles northeast of Little Rock, AR and 71 miles northwest of Memphis, Tennessee. The state has many lakes, parks and special attractions that contribute to an attractive lifestyle.

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