FAQ  Frequently Asked Questions - UCA BS Health Sciences - PT Emphasis Degree

1. What is the BS in Health Sciences – Physical Therapy Emphasis Degree?
   This degree is designed for students who are interested in physical therapy and plan to apply for admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. This degree requires successful completion of 120 credit hours, including core requirements, major degree requirements, and 40 upper division credit hours (3000+–4000’ numbered course). The BS Degree with major in Health Sciences – Physical Therapy provides students with all the necessary prerequisite coursework to apply to the UCA DPT program.

2. How do I declare a Bachelor of Science Degree with major in Health Sciences – Physical Therapy?
   When you have been admitted to UCA and come to register for classes for the upcoming semester, you will meet with an advisor in the Academic Advising Center or a designated department advisor. You will be asked what degree and major you want to declare. You will declare a Bachelor of Science Degree with major in Health Sciences – Physical Therapy.

3. What is Freshman Admission to the UCA DPT Program?
   Students who begin study at UCA as a freshman will be eligible for the DPT program, if they scored at least 30 on the ACT or 1320 on the SAT (combined total of verbal and math scores) from high school. Application for Freshman Admission should be completed with the Bachelor of Science Degree, Health Sciences – Physical Therapy advisor (call 501-450-3611) by October 1 of the freshman year. Specific performance standards must be maintained. Actual enrollment into the professional program will occur after completion of the baccalaureate degree. For additional Freshman Admission information, refer to the DPT Brochure.

4. How do I make an advising appointment for the Health Sciences – Physical Therapy major?
   Call 501-450-3611 to schedule an appointment with the department advisor. You cannot schedule an advising appointment through the Advisor Trac system located on MyUCA. Also, you must meet with your advisor (and clear all holds) before you can register for classes during Advance Registration.

5. How do I change my major to Health Sciences – Physical Therapy?
   Log on to MyUCA at http://uca.edu/ (click on the MyUCA tab at the top right) with your name and password. Under Academic Advising Center click on Change Your Major or Minor. Complete the form and submit it online.

6. What is the Pre-PT Club?
   The Pre-PT Club is a recognized student organization at UCA for all UCA undergraduates who intend to seek DPT admission and pursue a career in physical therapy. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month during X-period usually in Doyne Health Science Center, Room 141. The meetings are designed to help
students learn about the profession of physical therapy or prepare them for an upcoming event. For more information contact the Department of Physical Therapy advisor at 501-450-3611.

7. I’m a freshman at an AR community college. I plan to transfer to UCA in 2 years. What courses should I take?
   Refer to the Program of Completion Plan, the eight semester recommended plan of study for this major, at http://uca.edu/go/prePT.

8. I’m attending an AR community college. How will my courses transfer to UCA?
   Refer to the Arkansas Course Transfer System at http://acts.adhe.edu, if attending a public institution in Arkansas.

9. I’m a freshman at a community college. What degree should I declare? What major should I declare?
   You can apply to UCA’s Doctor of Physical Therapy Program with any 4 year baccalaureate degree and any major. See our DPT FAQ sheet at http://uca.edu/go/DPT-FAQ regarding the UCA DPT Degree and the UCA DPT Brochure at http://uca.edu/go/DPTbrochure for detailed information on DPT admission requirements to apply to UCA’s DPT Program.