

Alabama State University Master of Science in Prosthetics & Orthotics

Prerequisite Requirements and Application Information

Readiness for the Prosthetics & Orthotics degree program is based on prerequisite courses, field observation or experience, recommendations, a personal statement, and GPA/GRE scores. Prerequisite courses and field observation must be completed by the program start date. For courses in progress or yet to be taken in spring or summer sessions, potential admission is contingent on course completion with acceptable grades.

COURSE (MIN. CREDIT HOURS)	OPTIONS OR PREFERENCES
Biological Science with Lab (4)	Any aspect of microscopic, vertebrate, or human biology. Botany courses not accepted. Competitive applicants will have more than 4 credit hours.
Human Anatomy with Lab AND Human Physiology with Lab (8)	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab and Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab will meet this requirement when both are taken.
Chemistry with Lab (4)	
Physics with Lab (4)	Competitive applicants will have more than 4 credit hours.
Math (3)	Competitive applicants will have more than 3 credit hours and will have demonstrated competency well beyond Algebra.
General Psychology (3)	
Developmental OR Abnormal Psychology (3)	
Statistics (3)	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DETAILS OR PREFERENCES
Field Observation	100 hours of observation or volunteer/paid service in orthotics and/or prosthetics under supervision of a certified/licensed prosthetist-orthotist at an accredited practice. Competitive applicants will have met the requirement by the time of application and will have observed at multiple settings/sites.
3 Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From a prosthetist-orthotist documenting exposure to the field in a clinical setting 2. From an instructor, academic advisor, or recent employer who can evaluate academic ability or character 3. From another supervisor/professional under the previous two categories who can speak to the applicant's readiness for the graduate program
Personal Statement	Written essay demonstrating ability to clearly articulate interest and motivation in pursuing a Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics at ASU.
GRE	Competitive Verbal/Quantitative scores will surpass 150. Competitive Analytical Writing scores will surpass 3.5.
GPA	Minimum requirement is 2.5 cumulative. Competitive applicants will have GPAs of 3.0 and above, especially in prerequisite courses.

ASU utilizes The Orthotics and Prosthetics Centralized Application Service (OPCAS) to streamline and organize the application process. OPCAS is a service of the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE). To apply to the program, please go to <http://www.ncope.org/opcas/>

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on March 21, 2014 awarded Alabama State University's Prosthetic and Orthotic program initial accreditation. The recent peer review conducted by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation standards. Prerequisite courses are subject to change per accreditation requirements.