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**UAMS Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Ranked No. 1
in First-Time National Board Pass Rates**

FAYETTEVILLE — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is ranked first in the nation for First-Time National Board Pass Rates, as reported by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

The UAMS Doctor of Physical Therapy Program has achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) four times in eight graduating cohorts, with three consecutive years since 2023.

“Recognition as the No. 1 physical therapy program in the nation is a reflection of the exceptional quality and consistency of our program,” said Angel Holland, PT, DPT, Ed.D., department chair and program director of the UAMS Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. “This distinction, coupled with three consecutive years of a 100% first-time licensure pass rate, highlights the outstanding achievements of our students and the dedication of our faculty and staff to preparing the next generation of physical therapists.”

The UAMS program was ranked at the top of 305 Doctor of Physical Therapy programs operating nationwide.

“Our graduates continue to demonstrate that they are among the top physical therapists entering the profession nationwide,” said College of Health Professions Dean Susan Long, Ed.D. “We are proud of their accomplishments and grateful for Dr. Holland’s leadership and the exceptional faculty who prepare them to succeed.”

The UAMS Doctor of Physical Therapy program is part of the College of Health Professions and is based at the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus in Fayetteville.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a

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statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,553 students and 1,015 medical residents and fellows. It is the state's largest public employer with about 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health.

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