



Early Acceptance Program: Sophomore Entry

Those students who are admitted to the Early Acceptance program and continue to meet criteria as they progress through the undergraduate phase will enjoy the following advantages:

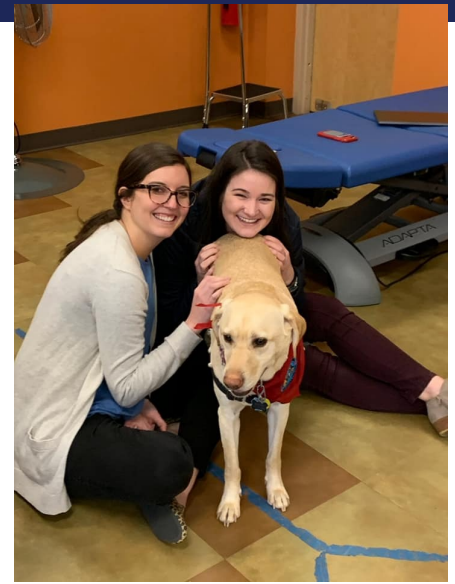
- Earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree one year earlier than other students, saving time and cost
- Seamless transition into Wingate University's DPT program without the stress of competing against other qualified applicants
- Access to DPT students, faculty, and staff as part of the Pre-PT student organization
- Individualized academic advising from a member of the undergraduate Exercise Science faculty

Questions about the Early Acceptance Program?

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Early Acceptance Program, the applicant must have completed the first two years of undergraduate study in Exercise Science at Wingate and meet the following criteria:

- An overall GPA of 3.5
- No science or math grades below a B
- No grade of D or F in any course
- Favorable recommendation from WU Exercise Science faculty
- Successful interview with WU DPT faculty

In addition, to continue enrollment in the program and be accepted to the professional phase of the WU DPT program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain the overall GPA of 3.5 and science grade point average of 3.25 in the undergraduate exercise science phase
- Maintain all science and math grades at a B or better
- Perform 50 hours of volunteer/ paid experience with PT supervision
- Apply to the program through PTCAS (centralized application service) during the third year of undergraduate studies
- Complete criminal background check

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete a web-based copy of the WU ExSci/DPT application during the spring of your second year of undergraduate studies.
2. Submit a sealed and confidential written recommendation from the department of Exercise Science at Wingate.
3. Submit a letter of recommendation from a physical therapist which will also serve as documentation of at least 50 hours under the direct supervision of a licensed PT.
4. Include a copy of your unofficial transcript of all college coursework.
5. Submit an essay addressing the topic, "Why are you pursuing the field of physical therapy, and why are you selecting Wingate's program?"