



Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy

Early Assurance Program

Policy on Credit Transfer

The ExSci/DPT early assurance (EA) program seeks to attract exceptionally qualified high school students who want to focus on exercise science in their undergraduate studies with a planned path to pursue physical therapy in a graduate program. As an accelerated program, the rigor and pace of coursework is more intensive than a traditional four-year undergraduate experience. As such, we seek to attract highly motivated, driven and high performing students. We recognize that this caliber of students is the same who will likely take an accelerated path through high school and/or seek to transfer in credit to their undergraduate experience.

The following criteria will govern the acceptance of transfer credit as an early assurance Ex Sci/DPT student:

- Only 12 credits of specific science and math prerequisite AP or IB coursework can be applied towards the professional phase prerequisites if you enroll as an EA student. A student will be awarded credit for both Biology 101 and Biology 103 with a minimum AP score of 4. A student will be awarded credit for only Biology 101 with an AP score of 3. An IB score of 5 is required to receive transfer credit towards Biology 101.
- For college credits taken while in high school, only 12 credits of specific science and math prerequisite coursework, earned at a grade of B or higher, can be applied towards the professional phase requirements.
- General education coursework which would normally satisfy University core requirements or electives will be accepted as per normal transfer requirements

When a student is accepted into the early assurance program, they are accepted into a professional phase cohort with the undergraduate phase lasting 3.5 years. Once accepted into a cohort, a student cannot further accelerate to gain admission to the professional DPT phase earlier than the stated cohort. In those circumstances where a student may complete the undergraduate phase early, we recommend taking a minor, a second major, or taking time off from their studies to pursue meaningful employment while they await for the January start of their original cohort.

Alternatively, if a student is seeking to transfer a large number of credits into Wingate University, or will enter Wingate with an Associate's degree or higher, which would enable them to complete their

undergraduate studies in 2.5 years or less, they are advised to forego this program and enter the university as a typically matriculating undergraduate student and apply to DPT through the normal PTCAS postgraduate mechanism. Wingate undergraduate students, who meet the minimum requirements for their chosen pathway for applying, are guaranteed an interview for the professional phase.

Questions about this policy should be directed to Maeghan Edwards, Director of Health Professions Pathways, at m.edwards@wingate.edu