



Drexel University  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
Early Assurance Program

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Drexel University is pleased to offer this Early Assurance Program to students of Penn State University. This program helps to facilitate early admission of students enrolled at Penn State into Drexel's Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Summary Description

This Early Assurance Program allows a student to obtain a decision regarding their admission into Drexel's Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the summer after their junior year at Penn State University.

Requirements for Acceptance

In order to be considered for acceptance by this program, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25
2. Minimum science G.P.A. of 3.0
3. Completion of at least 10 of the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or better and a plan of study in place for completion of the remaining courses:
  - A. General Biology with lab (2 courses)  
Note: Biology courses at the 100-200 level generally satisfy this requirement. This includes introductory biology courses as well as microbiology, biochemistry and genetics courses with the 100-200 course number
  - B. Mammalian or Human Physiology preferably with lab (one course)  
Note: A course called Anatomy and Physiology with lab must be a two-semester course to qualify for credit as one physiology course
  - C. Advanced Biology/Life Science (one course)  
Note: An upper-divisional course at the 300-400 level or higher satisfies this requirement. Such courses may include but are not limited to cell biology, pharmacology, comparative anatomy, histology, genetics, and research in biology. Additionally for kinesiology majors, Kines 350: Exercise Physiology satisfies this requirement
  - D. General Chemistry with lab (2 courses)
  - E. General Physics with lab (2 courses)
  - F. General Psychology (one course)
  - G. One additional Psychology—developmental or abnormal preferred (one course)
  - H. Introductory Statistics (one course)
  - I. Humanities and Social Sciences (5 courses)
4. No pre-requisite courses may be repeated

5. Minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative portions and a 4.0 or higher on the analytical portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). For the new GRE exam applicants will need to have a score of 300 on verbal and quantitative and 4.0 analytical.
6. Documented volunteer experience in physical therapy (recommendation of at least 50 hours)
7. 2 letters of recommendation: one from a science based professor or advisor, and one from a physical therapist
8. Interview with program

### Procedures/Timeline

Junior Year, 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester:	Take Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
Summer after Junior Year:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply to Drexel (through <a href="http://www.ptcas.org">www.ptcas.org</a>) by August 15<sup>th</sup> with all application materials into PTCAS.</li> <li>- <b>Contact Drexel to confirm that you have applied for early assurance.</b></li> <li>- Review of credentials by Physical Therapy Admissions Committee</li> <li>- Invited for interview with Physical Therapy faculty if qualified</li> <li>- Receive Provisional Acceptance letter from Drexel if accepted</li> <li>- Submit Intent to Enroll Form</li> </ul>
Senior Year, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester:	Drexel reviews accepted students for scholarship eligibility; updated transcripts may be required
Upon Graduation:	Send final transcript to Drexel for verification of degree conferral.

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