

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Provisional Admission Decision Initiative for Entry-Level Clinical Educational**  
**Programs in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences**  
**School of Health Professions**  
**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**

The School of Health Professions (SHP) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and the Honors College at Texas Tech University (TTU) will cooperate in an *Early Admission Decision* initiative to allow exceptionally well-qualified TTU Honors students to apply for and be considered for early admission to one of the following three graduate programs within the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences: Master of Athletic Training (MAT), Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). An *Early Admissions Decision* applicant may only apply to one of these programs. Enrollment in the selected program does not occur until after the student earns a baccalaureate degree with honors from the TTU Honors College and meets the requirements listed below. Students must graduate with a baccalaureate degree from TTU in any field as a member in good standing of the Honors College.

To be eligible to apply for early admission, the following criteria must be met by the applicant at the time of application:

1. Enrolled in TTU Honors College.
2. Completed at least 60 credit hours.
3. Completed a minimum of 6 credits hours in Honors.
4. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.70 or higher.
5. Possess a GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite courses for the relevant SHP program.
6. Clinical observation hours: Complete at least 50% of the relevant program's clinical observation hours.

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the relevant program. Applicants who pass the interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their TTU baccalaureate degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment in the TTU Honors College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree with a diploma designation in Honors Studies from the Honors College.
3. At the end of the Fall semester of the senior year (defined as having completed at least 18 hours of the required credit hours in courses designated with an (H) attribute, leaving no more than 6 hours Honors designated SCHs to graduate with Honors (of the required 24 hours in Honors), the applicant must have:
  - a. A cumulative undergraduate TTU GPA of 3.70 or higher; and
  - b. A TTU GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite course work for the relevant program.
4. In the case of applicants who are granted provisional early admission to the DPT program, a GRE score at or above 50<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking in Verbal and Quantitative sections and a score of at least 3.5 in the Analytic Writing section

must be obtained by the end of the Fall semester their of senior year.

The Admissions Committees for the MAT, OTD and DPT programs will apply the same prerequisite requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

*Early Admission Decision* applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the MAT, OTD and DPT programs. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.



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