

STUDENT GUIDE
FOR THE
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HARDIN - SIMMONS UNIVERSITY
HOLLAND SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
(www.hsutx.edu/academics/phys_therapy/pt.htm)
&
MCMURRY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY
Exercise Science and Human Performance Core + Pre-Professional Concentration

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- A. Following successful completion of the required undergraduate curriculum at McMurry University, the student will enroll in the Department of Physical Therapy at HSU, contingent upon the following:
1. A grade of “C” or better in all required prerequisite courses. All pre-requisite coursework must be completed at McMurry University.
 2. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for all courses taken in the early admissions curriculum.
 3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for all required pre-requisite courses.
 4. Observation hours in a variety of settings (400 hours average).
 5. A positive recommendation by the HSU Physical Therapy Admissions Committee.
 6. A positive record of ethical behavior during enrollment at McMurry University.
 7. The offer of a seat in the upcoming DPT class. (Not a guaranteed seat; must go through the application process.)
- B. The Department of Physical Therapy at HSU will accept the degree plan set forth by the Department of Kinesiology at McMurry University for early admissions to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at HSU assuming all the prerequisite hours are met. The McMurry Department of Kinesiology will accept 14 hours of the first semester HSU coursework for completion of the McMurry BS degree.
- C. Following successful completion of the early admissions curriculum from McMurry University and the first semester of the Physical Therapy curriculum from HSU, the students will be granted a BS degree in Exercise Science from McMurry University if the student has completed all graduation requirements for the appropriate McMurry catalog. The Physical Therapy Department at HSU

grants permission to McMurry University to accept any/or all PT semester credit hours taken by students under this agreement for the purpose of satisfying BS requirements at McMurry University.

- D. According to the articulation agreement between the Departments of Physical Therapy at Hardin-Simmons University and the Department of Kinesiology at McMurry University, these McMurry courses fulfill the prerequisite requirements in applying for a seat in the next class of the HSU DPT program. No substitutions and transfer hours from other institutions are allowed in the agreement.

HSU- DPT Prerequisites	Credit Hours	McMurry University ESHP Courses
Biology – 2 courses of general biology with laboratories	8	BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
Chemistry – 2 courses of general chemistry for science majors, with laboratories	8	CHEM 1410 General Chemistry I CHEM 1420 General Chemistry II
Physics – 2 courses for science majors, with laboratories	8	PHYS 1410 General Physics I PHYS 1420 General Physics II
Statistics – 1 course	3	KINE 3300 Elementary Statistics & Evaluation in Exercise Science
Psychology – 1 course of intro/general psychology AND 1 course of life span (developmental) OR abnormal psychology	6	PSYC 1340 Intro to Psychology PSYC 4300 Abnormal Psychology
Speech – 1 course of oral communication	3	COMM 1310 Principles of Communication
Anatomy	4	KINE 3321 Anatomical Kinesiology
Physiology	4	BIOL 3430 Human Physiology

- E. The following first semester courses offered by the Department of Physical Therapy at HSU will be accepted by McMurry University to fulfill the

requirements for the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Human Performance (Pre-Professional concentration). Nine hours transfer into the ESHP major and 5 hours become overall electives toward the 120 semester hour requirement for graduation.

HSU DPT First Semester Curriculum* (14 hours transfer to McMurry to complete the requirements for the BS in ESHP).	
PHYT 6303 Applied Physiology I	3
PHYT 6305 Clinical Kinesiology I	3
PHYT 6401 Clinical Anatomy I	4
PHYT 6421 Introduction to Clinical Diagnosis & Management I	4
Total	14

*NOTE: there are 3-4 more hours in the first semester curriculum, totaling 17-18 hours.

- F. From the following 5 courses in the McMurry ESHP (Pre-Professional) program, 3 are selected to be substituted by the first semester of the HSU DPT coursework.

McMurry University ESHP Courses --- Choose 3 (9 hours transfer from HSU to substitute for 3 of these courses.)	
KINE 3302 Introduction to Motor Learning	3
KINE 3307 Nutrition for the Health Sciences	3
KINE 3331 Personal and Community Health	3
KINE 3380 Therapeutic Modalities and Rehabilitation of Athletic Injuries	3
KINE 4388 Internship in Exercise Science	3
Total	9

- G. If the first semester of the HSU DPT program is not satisfactorily completed, the student must return to McMurry University to complete the above selected courses (above in F.) and any remaining elective hours to total 120 semester hours for the BS in ESHP from McMurry University.

II. PREPARATION TIMELINE

A. FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE YEARS

1. Take as many of the HSU DPT prerequisites (see section I.D) as possible.
 - i. 43 hours of McMurry University courses are listed as prerequisites for the HSU DPT program (see section I.D.).
 - ii. For early admission to the HSU DPT program, ALL prerequisite courses MUST be taken at McMurry University.
 - iii. Ideal is having less than 12 hours of prerequisites remaining when applying to the HSU in the summer after sophomore year.
2. Begin observing other physical therapists.
 - i. A variety of settings is suggested (inpatient, neurological rehabilitation, outpatient, nursing home, etc.)

- ii. Identify a professional location for at least 60-80 hours of observation. Developing such a relationship can result in a positive letter of recommendation when you apply to the HSU DPT program.
KINE 4388 can do this for you.
 - iii. Christmas, spring break, and summer break presents blocks of time to accomplish significant amounts of observation.
 - iv. The average applicant accumulates around 400 hours of observation before beginning HSU DPT classes.
3. Attend a Preview Day (not required until junior year).
 - i. The HSU DPT program is reviewed with prospective students.
 - ii. Personal questions can be asked of and introductions can be made with HSU DPT faculty.
 - iii. Your official interview will be administered at a Preview Day during junior year.

B. SUMMER AFTER SOPHOMORE YEAR

1. Apply to the HSU Department of Physical therapy as an early admission candidate.
2. Less than 12 hours of HSU DPT program prerequisites remaining is considered ideal.

C. JUNIOR YEAR

1. Attend a Preview Day at HSU.
 - i. The HSU DPT program is reviewed with prospective students.
 - ii. Personal questions can be asked of and introductions can be made with HSU DPT faculty.
 - iii. Official interviews of candidates are administered.
 - iv. Only iii. (above) occurs if a Preview Day was attended sophomore year.

D. SENIOR YEAR

1. Spring semester might or might not be required to finish McMurry University requirements.
2. The student participates in McMurry University Commencement.

E. BEGIN CLASSES IN THE HSU DPT PROGRAM

1. Satisfactory completion of the first semester courses of HSU DPT program also transfers 14 hours to McMurry University to fulfill ESHP course credits and overall BS degree elective hours (9 hours in ESHP; 5 hours of electives).
2. The student graduates from McMurry University with a BS in Exercise Science and Human Performance (Pre-Professional concentration).