

**Saint Francis University
School of Health Sciences
Department of Physical Therapy**

**4+3 Admissions Agreement
with
Pennsylvania State University
College of Health and Human Development
Department of Kinesiology**

Agreement and Criteria

Qualified students who are enrolled at Pennsylvania State University (PSU), College of Health and Human Development (CHHD) in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology program may apply for guaranteed acceptance into the Saint Francis University (SFU) Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) 4+3 Program.

The student will complete their first four years at PSU, with the Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology awarded from the CHHD at PSU. The student will then complete three years at SFU; the DPT is awarded at the end of the third year.

If all of the following criteria are met, a minimum of three (3) PSU students will be guaranteed acceptance into the SFU DPT program annually:

- a) A completed application is submitted to SFU no later than October 15 of a student's fourth year at PSU
- b) A minimum overall GPA of 3.200 and an earned bachelor's degree is achieved by the student.
- c) A minimum 3.200 math/science GPA for the following prerequisite courses (see Appendix A):
 - a. 4 credits of general biology with lab
 - b. 8 credits of anatomy and physiology with lab (in sequence)
 - c. 8 credits of chemistry with lab (in sequence)
 - d. 8 credits of physics with lab (in sequence)
 - e. 3 credits of statistics
- d) Additional criteria include:
 - a. Completion of 6 credits of psychology.
 - b. Maintenance of a good citizenship record as demonstrated by a strong letter of recommendation from a PSU faculty member
 - c. Completion of 50 hours (minimum) of documented volunteer or employed experience in at least one physical therapy setting (two or more recommended).
 - d. A letter of intent to enter the SFU DPT program submitted no later than the end of the spring semester of the student's third year. The letter should be addressed to the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at SFU and should contain an official transcript and initial letter of support from the student's Department of Kinesiology academic adviser.

Application Process

- Application should be made by October 15th of senior year for SFU with intended matriculation into the SFU DPT program in the summer following PSU spring graduation.

Once application is made:

- The SFU Graduate Admissions Coordinator and the DPT Chair will review the application and determine if the applicant is eligible for an interview.
- The applicant must complete an interview with a DPT faculty member prior to a decision being made for acceptance. This may be held virtually as needed.
- Students will be informed of the admissions decision no later than three weeks after the interview is completed.
- To maintain their acceptance into the SFU DPT program, students must complete their Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology meeting all the requirements outlined above (and in more detail in appendix A)

A minimum of 3 seats will be held each year for Penn State 4+3 students. Additional seats may be available in any given year based on current DPT program enrollment.

Timeline of important dates and requirements

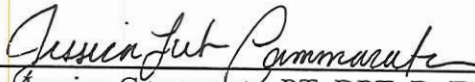
The SFU-DPT program and the Pennsylvania State University, College of Health and Human Development, Department of Kinesiology commit to agreeing upon a plan for annual communications each year by August 1. The initial plan is included in Appendix B.

PSU students MUST provide proof of earning a B.S. in Kinesiology from PSU before the Fall semester of the first year in the SFU-DPT program commences. An official transcript must be received by the SFU Registrar's Office by August 1st following completion of the PSU degree.


Other Terms

This agreement will be reviewed annually by both institutions, or at any time program changes are made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.

Termination of this agreement may be requested by either PSU or SFU, provided that the other institution is given written notice at least 6 months in advance of the termination date. Students who have already been enrolled in or accepted to the SFU-DPT program prior to the termination date will be permitted to complete their DPT at SFU, assuming all requirements of this agreement and the DPT program are met.



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Appendix A Admission Criteria

- At the time of application, applicants must have completed or be in progress with all courses required by SFU for admission to the DPT including the following Penn State courses: **BIOL 110***; **BIOL 161***, **162***, **163***, **164*** (A&P with labs); **CHEM 110***, **1101***, **112***, **113*** (CHEM 1 and 2 with labs); **PHYS 250*** and **PHYS 251***; **STAT 200*** or **STAT 250*** or **SCM 200***; **PSYCH 100** and at least one other course from **PSYCH**
- To be considered, applicants must meet the academic progression standards for admission into the SFU DPT program including a cumulative GPA of 3.200 and a Math/Science Pre-Requisite GPA of 3.200. *No grade in the above pre-requisite courses may be lower than a C.*
- By October 15 of senior year, students will complete and submit the following:
 - Application form
 - Official Transcript from PSU
 - One letter of recommendation from a PSU faculty member
 - 50 documented volunteer/observation hours of physical therapy clinics in one or more settings

* Prerequisites used to calculate math/science GPA.

Appendix B Timelines and Dates

Year	Fall	Spring
1	SFU provides PSU Advisor/Undergraduate Program Team with updated information to share with the incoming first-year cohort about the opportunity to articulate into the 4+3 program	SFU PT Recruitment Coordinator offers a Zoom informational session with the PSU first-year students intending to major in KINES to tell them more about the DPT program; invites them to come to campus for a visit.
2	PSU Advisor continues to work with students to adjust their IAP as needed.	SFU Recruitment Coordinator offers a session to answer questions about the application process and will work with students individually as needed.
3	Students will continue with PSU coursework with expectation to maintain grades within progression standards (3.2 GPA). They will continue to work with their PSU Adviser to stay on track with their PSU IAP (including completion of 2 PSYCH courses, PHYS 250 and 251, KINES 350, STAT 200 (or STAT 250 or SCM 200).	PSU Advisor/Undergraduate Program Team provides list to SFU of third-year students who intend to apply to the SFU DPT program. Students should send a letter of intent to apply to the SFU PT chair. Students will have individual meeting with SFU Recruitment Coordinator to confirm they are on track for all requirements and to answer any questions about the program.
4	Students must submit application for admission to SFU DPT program no later than October 15. Qualified students will be invited for an interview. Students will be informed of decision within 3 weeks of the completed interview.	Zoom meetings with SFU Recruitment Coordinator and faculty will be held for all students to prepare them for the SFU summer semester in the DPT program. Begin SFU DPT program in early June. Provide transcript reflecting successful completion of BS from PSU by August 31.

