



Transfer Planning Guide

St. Ambrose University

Doctor of Physical Therapy: pre-requisite courses

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See course list on page 2.

TRANSFER FACTS

**** See detailed admission criteria on the SAU website ****

- The DPT is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.
- St. Ambrose University admits up to 36 qualified students into the DPT program each fall; however, 15 of these spots are filled by students given a conditional admittance to the DPT program as high school seniors meeting TRACK I requirements.
- Due to the number of required courses, it is not recommended that students attempt to complete the Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) degree at Black Hawk College and all DPT prerequisites. Students who wish to take courses at BHC in addition to DPT prerequisites prior to transfer to SAU should reference BHC AA or AS degree requirements or SAU general education requirements. It is also advisable to consult with an SAU advisor for course selection.
- All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Any major is acceptable; however, the pre-professional course prerequisites must be completed. Many students have found that they are most efficiently able to complete program prerequisites in a Psychology, Biology or Exercise Science major.
- TRACK II entry to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is available to qualified St. Ambrose students during the senior year. Students on this track are able to complete program requirements on a 3+2.5 plan of study. The first year of DPT courses is applied toward completion of the undergraduate degree. Admission to the program on this track requires a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA, however a higher GPA is recommended due to the keen competition for admission.
- TRACK III entry is available to students in their senior year of college or who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Students on this track complete requirements on a 4+2.5 plan of study.
- TRACKS II and III DPT program admission also requires: 50 hours of documented observation with licensed physical therapists in two or more physical therapy settings including inpatient and outpatient; submission of official results of the Graduate Record Exam; official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended; two references from individuals well acquainted with the applicant; and an on-site personal interview with PT faculty members.
- TRACKS II and III applications to the program are submitted online through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) at www.ptcas.org.
- TRACKS II and III application deadlines:
Early Decision Deadline is August 15 - for persons with > 3.5 cumulative GPA, 300 combined GRE, & 50% of prerequisite course work completed. Interviews are scheduled in September.

Spring Decisions Deadline is December 1 - for persons with > 3.0 cumulative GPA. Interviews are scheduled in January and February.

See course list on page 2.

Pre-professional Course Prerequisites for Doctor of Physical Therapy Program:

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	SAU Equivalent
1	BIOL 105	5	BIOL 199
1	BIOL 106	5	BIOL 200
1	BIOL 145	4	BIOL 230
1	BIOL 146	4	BIOL 232
1	CHEM 101	4	CHEM 105
1	CHEM 102	4	CHEM 106
1	PHYS 101	5	PHYS 203
1	PHYS 102	5	PHYS 204
	MATH 118	5	MATH 171
	MATH 108	3	STAT 213
	PSYC 101	3	PSYC 105
	Psychology/Sociology upper level course. (must be taken at an upper division college or university)	3	300 level PSYC or SOC course

Notes:

1. Beginning with the 2017 fall semester, St. Ambrose University Physical Therapy Department will not accept online lab courses to satisfy prerequisite requirements. All lab courses (including the lecture hours) must be taken in a 100-percent on campus format. Lab courses not taken in this manner must be retaken.
BHC currently offers the above science lab courses in a 100-percent on campus format.

All the BHC courses above have prerequisites. Pre-requisites are satisfied through a combination of high school course work, college course work, and/or assessment testing (transcripts and assessment scores are required for documentation). Please consider your eligibility to enroll in courses by consulting the [BHC Catalog](#) or contacting a BHC educational advisor at ADVQC@bhc.edu.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with St. Ambrose. The information of this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact SAU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Use this guide in conjunction with the catalog the student will use to fulfill degree requirements.

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