



**Transfer Planning Guide
to
St. Ambrose University
Doctor of Physical Therapy:
pre-requisite courses**

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TRANSFER FACTS

- The DPT is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association. The DPT is a 2.5 year program. Visit the DPT home page and DPT Fact Sheet [here](#) for complete admission, application, and program requirements
- St. Ambrose University admits up to 36 qualified students into the DPT program each fall; however, up to fifteen of these spots are filled by students given a conditional admittance to the DPT program as high school seniors meeting TRACK I requirements. A new class begins each fall.
- 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. Common [undergraduate majors](#) among DPT students at SAU are Exercise Science, Human Performance and Fitness, Sport Management, Psychology, and Biology.
- TRACK II entry to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program allows undergraduates from both St. Ambrose and other institutions to apply their junior year for consideration of entry into the DPT class that begins during their senior year at SAU. Students on this track are able to complete program requirements on a 3+2.5 years plan of study.
- TRACK III entry is the more traditional application process for those who are in their senior year of college or hold a bachelor’s degree, or a graduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university. Students on this track complete requirements on a 4+2.5 years plan of study.
- TRACKS II and III DPT program admission also requires: a minimum 3.0/4.0 cumulative and prerequisite GPA in all undergraduate coursework or a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.25/4.0 for 18 or more semester hours in an approved graduate science program; 50 hours of documented observation with licensed physical therapists in two or more physical therapy settings including inpatient and outpatient; complete the Graduate Record Exam (GRE); 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.

Please note that due to the competitiveness of the program, not all applicants will be invited for an interview.

- TRACKS II and III applications to the program are submitted online through the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) at www.ptcas.org. The application deadline is December 1.

The course list appears on page 2.

Track II and Track III Pre-professional Course Prerequisites:

Notes	BHC Course	BHC semester hours	Transfers to SAU as:
1	BIOL 105 General Biology I	5	BIOL 199
1	BIOL 106 General Biology II	5	BIOL 200
1	BIOL 145 Anatomy-Physiology I	4	BIOL 230
1	BIOL 146 Anatomy-Physiology II	4	BIOL 232
1	CHEM 101 General Chemistry I	4	CHEM 105
1	CHEM 102 General Chemistry II	4	CHEM 106
1	PHYS 101 College Physics I	5	PHYS 203
1	PHYS 102 College Physics II	5	PHYS 204
	MATH 108 Statistics for General Ed	3	STAT 213
	PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC 105
	Psychology/Sociology upper level course. must be taken at an upper division college or university rather than at BHC	3	PSYC 255 Brain and Behavior at SAU is strongly recommended

Notes:

- 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.

View the DPT [temporary policies](#) regarding online lab sciences and PT observation hours during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Students who wish to complete an associate degree should follow BHC's [Associate in Science \(AS\) degree](#) (60 credits minimum). Students who plan to transfer to SAU prior to completing an associate or bachelor degree should reference the [SAU general education requirements](#). Consult with BHC and SAU advisors for course selection.

This guide is intended as a projected plan coordinated by both institutions and is not presented as a contract. While effort is made to present current information, both institutions reserve the right to make changes to admission, graduation, degree, course and supplementary information without notice. Students are responsible for confirming all guide contents.

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