

University of Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)

I. Parties:

This MOU is made between the University of Evansville (UE) and its programs in School of Health Sciences including the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT), and UE's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree and the University of Southern Indiana (USI) and its programs including Exercise Science (EXSC) undergraduate degree program, Biology Programs, or any major with the completion of a Pre-Medical Sciences Certificate.

II. Purpose:

The parties agree this MOU establishes a foundation of structure to the recently developed partnership between programs in which USI students (Students) shall have the opportunity to have a direct path into their chosen disciplines (MSAT or DPT) at UE.

III. Joint Requirements and Responsibilities: Master of Science in Athletic Training

1. GPA requirements for a Direct Entry (DE) process for USI's EXSC students to matriculate into the UE Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (MSAT). Students that maintain a 3.50 GPA at the end of their sophomore year are eligible to apply to UE's DE process into the MSAT program.
 - a. Students would complete an application process and interview with the faculty of UE's MSAT program after the USI student's sophomore year. This will include a review of the Student's coursework and a recommendation from one USI faculty member.
 - b. Students would maintain a 3.50 GPA through the entirety of their degree at USI or potentially lose the DE status with the MSAT program. This will be tracked by USI's EXSC faculty as well as communication with UE's MSAT program.
 - c. UE's MSAT program will accept up to five Students into the MSAT program per year. The Athletic Training faculty will evaluate each Student based on GPA, interview and one letter of recommendation from a USI EXSC faculty member to take the top five Students admitted into the DE program each year.
 - d. The plan of study and courses listed shall remain the same for the USI Students during the freshman and sophomore years as per the USI curricular plan for a total of 62 hours of course work.
 - i. USI will assist by providing academic advising that will counsel Students to enroll in the needed pre-requisite Athletic Training courses that will prepare them to complete the MSAT program at UE. Course substitutions may be available upon approval of the appropriate UE department chair and program director.
 - ii. The UE MSAT operations and admissions administrator will aid in maintaining student records to maintain consistency with the Student's GPA after each semester and report back to the program director for evaluation. If a Student's GPA drops below the recommended GPA after being admitted, a probationary semester may be provided.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

2. GPA requirements for a Direct Entry into UE's DPT program will be an overall GPA of 3.5 and a science prerequisite GPA of 3.35.

- a. Science prerequisites include the following:

Science Prerequisite Course	Credit Hours	UE	USI
General Biology with lab	4	BIO 107 or BIO 119	BIOL 141
Anatomy and Physiology with lab (2 semesters)	8	EXSS 112 and EXSS 113	BIOL 121 and BIOL 122
General Chemistry with lab (2 semesters)	8	CHEM 118 and CHEM 240	CHEM 261 and CHEM 262
General Physics with lab (2 semesters)	8	PHYS 121 and PHYS122	PHY 175/175L and PHYS 176/176L
Introductory Statistics	3	QM 227	STAT 241 or STAT 251

- b. Students would complete an application process and interview with the UE's DPT program faculty after the USI student's sophomore year. This will include a review of the Student's coursework and a recommendation from one USI faculty member.
- c. Students will maintain a 3.50 GPA through the entirety of their degree at USI or potentially lose the DE status with the DPT program. This progression will be tracked by USI's EXSC and Biology faculty as well as communication with UE's DPT program.
- d. UE's DPT program will accept up to three Students into the DE program per year. The Physical Therapy faculty will evaluate each Student based on GPA, interview, and one letter of recommendation from a USI EXSC and Biology faculty members to take the top three Students admitted into the DE program each year.
- e. The plan of study and courses listed shall remain the same for the USI Students during the freshman and sophomore years as per the USI curricular plan for a total of 62 hours of course work.
- i. USI will assist by providing academic advising that will counsel Students to enroll in the needed pre-requisite Physical Therapy courses that will prepare them to complete the DPT program at UE. Course substitutions may be available upon approval of the appropriate UE department chair and program director.
- ii. The UE DPT operations and admissions administrator will aid in maintaining Student records to maintain consistency with the Student's GPA after each semester and report back to the program director for evaluation. If a Student's GPA drops below the recommended GPA after being admitted, a probationary semester may be provided.

The University of Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana agree to monitor and support the necessary provisions of this agreement to ensure program consistency and

quality, and transferability to the benefit of the students of both institutions. UE and USI agree to coordinate changes in the course content as needed or requirements that may change from year to year.

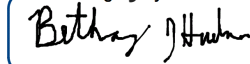
Students pursuing either the MS AT degree or the DPT degree at UE through this Agreement will be bound by the curricular requirements in effect at the time they are officially accepted into the programs.

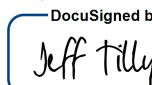
IV. TERMS:


Upon full execution, this Agreement shall commence on the effective date set forth as of the last date below and may be terminated by either school with a thirty (30) day notice. In the event the Agreement is terminated, all students currently enrolled in either program through this Agreement will be allowed to complete the degree options as specified in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the last date below.

University of Evansville

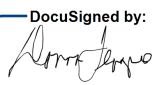
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