



Elon University Accelerated Pathways Program Contract

Elon offers undergraduate students a distinctive Accelerated Pathway to the university's highly selective Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (PA) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (PT) programs within the School of Health Sciences (SHS). Selected Accelerated Pathway students will complete their undergraduate courses in three and a half years with the opportunity for admission and enrollment into the PA and PT programs in the final semester of their fourth year (January). Students will participate in programming throughout their undergraduate career that is aimed at developing essential skills and fluencies, drawn from a liberal arts education, necessary for success as a healthcare provider.

As a member of the Elon University Accelerated Pathways Program I agree to the following conditions:

1. to abide by the Elon University Honor Code as found in the Student Handbook and to model "Academic Citizenship" in all aspects of campus life;
2. to meet all requirements for matriculation into the Elon University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (PA) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (PT) programs;
3. take five out of six required science courses by the end of the third year;
4. to receive a "C" or better in each prerequisite course;
5. to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or above in all coursework and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all Science courses;
6. take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) in the summer after third year to provide a competitive score for admission into the PA and PT programs (A minimum score of 297 on the GRE is required for a composite Verbal and Quantitative score. A minimum of 3.0 is required for Analytical Writing score);
7. to complete the minimum hours as outlined by program requirements of volunteer or work experience in a healthcare setting by August of the fourth year;
8. to submit two letters of recommendation, one from a healthcare provider and one from a faculty member by August of the fourth year;
9. to attend all meetings with assigned major and School of Health Sciences advisors;
10. to participate in required targeted programming designed to ensure academic and professional readiness for enrollment into the Elon University PA and PT programs;
11. to illustrate development of critical thinking skills, understanding of intercultural competencies and awareness of healthcare disparities through required experiences, activities, reflections and group advising;
12. to participate in a PA or PT interview in the Fall of the fourth year if all program requirements have been met
13. to notify my major advisor and the SHS advisor in writing if I wish to remove myself from the Accelerated Pathways program (Some students may discern a different career than that of a PA or PT or choose to attend a different program. We respect this decision and ask for notification as soon as the decision is made).

The Director of School of Health Sciences Accelerated Pathways Program will regularly monitor student progress in the Accelerated Pathways program. Students who fail to meet the above requirements will formally be dismissed from the Program and will lose eligibility for Accelerated Pathway scholarships and the opportunity for admission and enrollment into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (PA) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (PT) programs.

I fully understand and agree to all of the above requirements.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____