

First-year students admitted to the undergraduate program in Kinesiology and Health Science have the opportunity for early assurance (formerly known as direct admission) into Bradley's graduate program if they meet the following main criteria:

- Students must enter Bradley as a First-Year student majoring in Kinesiology and Health Science
- Students must **apply** for DPT Early Assurance by September 1 of their second year at Bradley.
- all math and science courses must be taken at Bradley
- students must attain a math, science and overall GPA of 3.4 at the end of the sophomore year and 3.5 at the end of the junior year.
- Applications to be considered for EA will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Attainment of a minimum 3.0 GPA overall in courses taken at Bradley
 - Attainment of a minimum 3.0 GPA in required math and science courses at Bradley. BIO 111/113; BIO 112/14 OR BIO 202; and either MTH 111 or 115 must be completed by the time of application. These courses must be taken at Bradley unless credit was received for high school coursework.
 - Documentation of at least 10 hours of observation in a healthcare setting, preferably with a licensed physical therapist. Employment in a healthcare setting (aide/tech, CNA, etc) can be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - Complete and submit a "Path to Graduation" plan, including planned courses, anticipated graduation semester, and extracurricular activities (volunteer work, employment, clubs, etc).
 - Signed affirmation acknowledging that the student will complete the DPT pathway of courses.
- Notification of initial Early Assurance Status will be made during the fall semester following application.
- At the end of each subsequent semester, students must update a Google form logging progress in their DPT Pathway, Observation Hours Completed, Overall GPA, Required Courses GPA, Extracurricular Activities

In addition to the GPA requirements – student must meet the following criteria to remain eligible for the early assurance option:

Criteria to maintain the Early Assurance Option.

1. After matriculation, all required math/science courses must be taken at Bradley. Advanced placement credit in the required math/science courses posted to their Bradley transcript will be accepted

2. Students must attain a math, science and overall GPA of 3.4 at the end of the sophomore year and 3.5 at the end of the junior year. Students must have a minimum of a B average in Anatomy and Physiology I and II including the lab.
3. The following courses must be completed by the beginning of the senior year:
 - a. BIO 111/113- Introduction to Cell Biology and Lab
 - b. BIO 112/114- Introduction to Ecology and Evolution and Lab
 - c. BIO 230/231- Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
 - d. BIO 232/233- Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
 - e. PHY 107- General Physics I
 - f. Phy 108- General Physics II
 - g. MTH 115 **or** MTH 121-Brief Calculus with Applications I **or** Calculus I
4. Prior to the beginning of senior year, a student must have a minimum of 40 hours of observation in a physical therapy clinic with a minimum of 8 hours in an inpatient, skilled nursing or acute care setting. Time observing in the Department's Clinic for Fitness and Function does not count toward these observation hours.
5. Early assurance cannot be deferred to the next application cycle.
6. Students who have early assurance and will be graduating in 3 years must let the department know of their early graduation in the fall of their sophomore year. In addition, students graduating in 3 years must have a math, science and overall GPA 3.5 at the end of their sophomore year (second year) and apply through PTCAS in the fall of their final year (3rd year).
7. Students **must** complete the application process to the DPT program through Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). This includes submitting GRE scores, completing all the items in the application and submitting all fees before the published deadlines.
8. The GRE is waived for students satisfying early assurance requirements admission into Bradley's DPT program. Please note that other DPT programs may still require the GRE.
9. Early assurance can be denied for the following reasons: not following the procedures above, not maintaining the required GPA, not completing the application through PTCAS, not meeting the required observation hours, demonstrating egregious behavior while a student at Bradley, demonstrating unprofessional behavior in classes taken at Bradley.