

June 13, 2018

Dr. Ken Brown 125 West Cooper Avenue Sterling, KS 67579

Dr. Ken Brown,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are very pleased to have Sterling College as an articulation school for our Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Over the last three years we have had four applicants from Sterling and one student has matriculated into our program. Since this agreement still benefits both programs and we still share similar values, we wish to continue our agreement.

At this point, I want to notify you that we have updated our prerequisite requirements and wish to complete an updated articulation agreement. Medical Terminology is now a required course and we have altered our Psychology requirements to include some specific courses. These changes are not just for our articulation schools, but for all students. Please inform the affected departments of these changes to best advise your students.

You will find the updated articulation agreement enclosed with a pre-paid return envelope. The new agreement should be signed and returned no later than July 16th, 2018. Please keep a copy of this for your university's records and publish it in your university's catalog. Also enclosed is the Prerequisite Equivalency sheet tailored specifically to your institution. Feel free to use this as a guide for your advisors and to distribute to students.

Let me know if you have any questions concerning our agreement. If you have more particular questions about the admissions process, please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Julie Mpofu, at impofu@sbuniv.edu or 417.328.1690.

Together with you in His Service,

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### **Articulation Agreement**

Southwest Baptist University and Sterling College

#### Introduction

Given the similarity of our missions and values, the physical therapy program at Southwest Baptist University desires to facilitate the admission process for graduates of Sterling College. It is our intention that this process be facilitated by assuring that students at Sterling who take the following courses will meet prerequisite requirements for the DPT program at SBU. In addition, SBU will give preference points in the selection of candidates to Sterling graduates. The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at SBU starts each Fall and is completed in 33 months. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis starting in September of each year.

Applicants for the physical therapy program at SBU are required to have English composition and demonstrate computer competency. This agreement assumes that Sterling will continue to have these same requirements for graduation.

### Agreement

A student who completes a baccalaureate degree in any major at Sterling College and the requirements for admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Southwest Baptist University as listed below will automatically receive preference points and be eligible for the admission process.

- 1. Students must have a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- 2. Students must complete the graduate record exam (GRE).
- 3. Students must complete the PT application through PTCAS by the deadline of the intended enrollment date.
- 4. Students must document up to 40 hours experience/observation in physical therapy.
- 5. International students must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in the section on Admission to the University in the Southwest Baptist University catalog.
- 6. Students must complete all of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum of a "C" and a 3.25 prerequisite GPA. Prerequisites should not be taken pass/fail.

General Chemistry: two semesters in sequence with labs General Physics: two semesters in sequence with labs

General Biology: one semester with lab

Anatomy/Physiology: one semester each or full year combined sequence

with labs from a science-based department

Statistics: one course

Psychology:

- Applicants for Fall 2022 or later: three courses from a psychology department (1. general, 2. normal growth and development, 3. abnormal development)
- Applicants for Fall 2021 or earlier: two courses from a psychology department (1. general, 2. normal growth and development OR abnormal development)
- 7. Completion of the following support courses (not calculated into prerequisite

Medical Terminology: one semester is required at a "B" grade or higher Exercise Physiology: not required, but highly recommended; students demonstrating successful completion of an exercise physiology course with a "B" grade or higher will be exempt from completing the exercise physiology component of the DPT program

Pathophysiology: not required, but highly recommended

A description of the procedure and agreement should be published in the Sterling catalog to assist the students in their planning. The admissions requirements are subject to change. If requirements change, Sterling will be notified via a formal letter. Updates to the requirements can also be found in the most current SBU graduate catalog.

If no Sterling students matriculate into the program over a three-year period or the university no longer shares similarities in mission and value, the program chair reserves the right to review the articulation agreement with Sterling and determine appropriate action to be taken.

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Provost

Southwest Baptist University

Vice President of Academic Affairs Sterling College

Dr. Ken Brown

Steven G. Lesh, PhD, PT, SCS, ATC Date

Program Chair

Department of Physical Therapy Southwest Baptist University

# **Sterling College Prerequisite Equivalency**

# For Southwest Baptist University DPT program



**Chemistry** 

General Chemistry I - CH 151/L

and

General Chemistry II - CH 152/L

**Physics** 

General Physics I - PH 210/L

and

General Physics II - PH 211/L

**Biology** 

General Biology I - BI 170

or

Any other upper level human or animal-based Biology course with a lab

**Anatomy & Physiology** 

Human A&P I - BI 211

and

Human A&P II - BI 212

**Statistics** 

Elementary Statistics - MA 240

or

Statistics for Behavioral Sciences - BS 196

<u>Psychology</u> (applicants for Fall of 2022 or later will require all 3 psychology courses) General Psychology – BS 125

and

Developmental Psychology - BS 225

or

Abnormal Psychology - BS 385

<u>Medical Terminology</u> (not calculated in prereq GPA but required at B or higher) Medical Terminology – BI 210

#### **Recommendations**

Physiology of Exercise - EX 420 (possible prerequisite in the future) Pathophysiology