



**Exercise Science Pre-Professional Health Policy**

Many undergraduate Exercise Science students intend to pursue health-related professional school (i.e., physician assistant, physical therapy, chiropractic, homeopathic, or medical school programs) following graduation. We recognize that Exercise Science is an attractive undergraduate major for preparation for these programs and have tried to make our program fairly flexible so that students can take the necessary prerequisites. This takes significant planning on the part of the student and regular communication with the advisor and UNH Pre-Professional Health Advising Office. To ensure integrity and consistency of our Exercise Science program we have implemented the following guidance for students wishing to pursue professional health programs after graduation:

- 1) All students are encouraged to meet with an advisor from the Pre-Professional Health Advising Office and review their website (<https://colsa.unh.edu/academics/pre-professional-health-advising>) to determine prerequisite courses that would typically be required for their graduate program interest area.
- 2) All students should work with their advisor to plot out a program of study that includes the taking of prerequisite courses. **Please Note: WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ALL OF YOUR PREREQUISITE COURSES CONCURRENTLY WITH YOUR EXERCISE SCIENCE MAJOR COURSES. You may need to take some prerequisite courses during January-term, summer, or after graduation.**
- 3) The Internship (EXSC 650A – Internship in Exercise Science) is the culminating experience for all Exercise Science students and can only be taken after all required degree coursework has been completed with a grade of C or better. EXSC 650A is a full-time, 400-hour practical experience normally taken the summer after Spring semester of the senior year (although some students elect to take this course the following Fall semester). EXSC 650A cannot be taken:
  - a) part-time
  - b) concurrently with degree course work
- 4) Graduate programs that start in June or July following the Spring semester of the senior year are not compatible with the internship and therefore students accepted to these programs will have to defer admission until after EXSC 650A is completed.
- 5) There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this policy.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above statements and agree to abide by these statements while pursuing my Exercise Science undergraduate degree.

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Student’s Signature

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Date

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Advisor’s Signature

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Date