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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Occupational Therapy Early Assurance with Honors College

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The Occupational Therapy Department in the College of Allied Health Sciences has partnered with the Honors College to create a new Early Assurance program into the graduate occupational therapy program upon completion of undergraduate studies. The Early Assurance Program in Occupational Therapy will admit students through the Honors College selection process beginning in 2014. Details with the occupational therapy program requirements are listed below.

Early Assurance in Occupational Therapy

Students wishing to be considered for the Early Assurance Program in Occupational Therapy must first be accepted into the Honors College. Admission to the Honors College is competitive and by invitation. Students wishing to be considered for admission to the Honors College first need to meet minimum eligibility criteria to receive an invitation to apply: Submission of a completed application for undergraduate admission to East Carolina University by the priority deadline of December 1; minimum math/verbal combined SAT score of 1200 or minimum ACT score of 27; and a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 or minimum weighted GPA of 4.0.

Following a review of the students for acceptance to the Honors College, a subset of interested students will be forwarded to the Early Assurance Program in Occupational Therapy faculty review committee for consideration. Each of these candidates will be students who have already been accepted to the Honors College. The faculty review committee will identify up to twelve finalists to interview on campus during Honors College Weekend in Greenville, North Carolina. This committee will offer admission to a maximum of 4 students for the 2014 entering freshman class.

Students who are awarded a position in the Early Assurance Program in Occupational Therapy must maintain certain academic standards and participate in various activities to remain eligible for their seat. These requirements include: earn an undergraduate GPA (both overall and prerequisite) of 3.5, complete an undergraduate degree prior to beginning the MSOT program, complete enrichment and service activities during all undergraduate years (including but not limited to volunteer work and leadership roles), maintain contact with the Occupational Therapy Department Graduate Program Director for advising at least once per year, and complete OCCT 3000 Introduction to Occupational Therapy with a grade of A prior to beginning the MSOT program. Students who satisfy these requirements will be provided a guaranteed seat in the MSOT program and will not be required to complete the graduate entry examination requirement or pay the graduate application fee.

Please be in touch if you require any additional information.

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