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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Paul Gemperline  
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**FROM:** Richard Eakin   
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**RE:** Honors College Programs with Guaranteed Graduate Admission

The Honors College has partnered with the College of Allied Health Sciences and the College of Business to create new programs that will offer selected Honors students with a *guarantee of admission to a graduate program upon completion of undergraduate studies*. Early Assurance Programs in Audiology and Physical Therapy will admit students through the Honors College selection process beginning in 2013. Likewise, the Business Scholars Program will admit students through the Honors College selection process beginning in 2013. Details associated with each program's requirements for admission and continuation are listed below.

**Early Assurance Program in Audiology**

Students wishing to be considered for the Early Assurance Program in Audiology 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 into 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 students for acceptance to the Honors College, a subset will be forwarded to the Early Assurance Program in Audiology faculty review committee for consideration. Each of these candidates will be North Carolina residents who have already been accepted to the Honors College. The faculty review committee will identify up to five finalists to interview on campus during Honors College weekend in Greenville, North Carolina. The committee will offer admission to a maximum of one student for the 2013 entering freshmen class.

Students who are awarded a position in the Early Assurance Program in Audiology must maintain certain academic standards and participate in various activities to remain eligible for their seat. These requirements include: earn a minimum GPA of 3.5; maintain an acceptable level of personal deportment; and participate in required group and enrichment activities. Students who satisfy these requirements will be provided a guaranteed seat in the AuD/PhD program and will not be required to complete the graduate entry examination requirement.

**Early Assurance Program in Physical Therapy**

Students wishing to be considered for the Early Assurance Program in Physical 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 into 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 students for acceptance to the Honors College, a subset will be forwarded to the Early Assurance Program in Physical Therapy faculty review committee for consideration. Each of these candidates will be North Carolina residents who have already been accepted to the Honors College. The faculty review committee will identify up to eight finalists to interview on campus during Honors College weekend in Greenville, North Carolina. The committee will offer admission to a maximum of two students for the 2013 entering freshmen class.

Students who are awarded a position in the Early Assurance Program in Physical Therapy must maintain certain academic standards and participate in various activities to remain eligible for their seat. These requirements include: earn a minimum GPA of 3.5; maintain an acceptable level of personal department; and participate in required group and enrichment activities. Students who satisfy these requirements will be provided a guaranteed seat in the PhD program and will not be required to complete the graduate entry examination requirement.

### **Business Scholars Program**

Students wishing to be considered for the Business Scholars Program 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 into 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 students for acceptance to the Honors College, a subset will be forwarded to the Business Scholars Program review committee for consideration. Each of these candidates will be students intending to major in a program of the College of Business and will have already been accepted to the Honors College. The review committee will identify up to 25 finalists to interview on campus during Honors College weekend in Greenville, North Carolina. The committee will offer admission to a maximum of ten students for the 2013 entering freshmen class.

Students who are awarded a position in the Business Scholars Program must maintain certain academic standards and participate in various activities to remain eligible for their seat. These requirements include: earn a minimum GPA of 3.5; maintain an acceptable level of personal department; and participate in required group and enrichment activities. Students who satisfy these requirements will be provided a guaranteed seat in the MBA or MSA program and will not be required to complete the graduate entry examination requirement.

Please be in touch if you require any additional information.

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