As the Fall 2018 semester comes to a close we would like to congratulate all first-year students for completing your first semester at Rutgers University! We hope that you had a successful semester and are ready for what the spring semester has to offer.

We would like to provide students interested in applying to the Pre-PT Concentration with information and upcoming deadlines for the Spring 2019 semester.

- **Course Schedule**
  - Please be sure you are on track and eligible to apply into the Pre-PT Concentration, if interested. If you are unsure of your eligibility or need assistance with course planning, please contact any of the following:
    - Mary Kate Schiff – Dept. Of Kinesiology and Health Undergraduate Academic Advisor
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- **Declaration Meetings**
  - All students interested in applying to the Pre-PT Concentration must declare their major in Exercise Science in the Spring 2019 semester.
  - Registration for Declaration Meetings will open on January 22\(^{nd}\), 2019. You will not be able to register for any meetings before this date.
  - Declaration Meeting dates are as follows:
    - Thursday January 31
    - Friday February 8
    - Wednesday February 20

- For students interested in the Pre-PT Concentration they must attend one of the first three declaration meetings.
  - Thursday January 31
  - Friday February 8
  - Wednesday February 20
• Pre-PT Concentration Application
  o During the Declaration Meeting, students interested in applying into the Pre-PT Concentration will receive access to the application.
  o Students can then log onto Canvas and complete the Pre-PT Application.
  o The Pre-PT Application is due on Friday March 1, 2019.
  o Students will be notified via email by Friday March 15, 2019 if they have been selected for an interview.
  o Interviews will be conducted for selected students the week of Monday March 25, 2019 through Friday March 29, 2019.
    ▪ If a student is selected for an interview they are required to bring a sealed and signed letter of recommendation.
  o Students will be notified of acceptance into the Pre-PT Concentration by Friday April 5, 2019.

• Requirements for Pre-PT Concentration Application
  o Student must maintain a minimum of 3.3 GPA during First Year Fall Semester at Rutgers University
  o Students should have no more than one C in any course
    ▪ If a grade of C is received, that course must be re-taken by the time of application into the DPT 4+3 Program, Summer 2020, and a letter grade of B or higher needs to be achieved in that course.
    ▪ Students must have completed at least one series of either General Biology I and II or General Chemistry I and II.
    ▪ If a student was unable to register for Foundations of Kinesiology and Health during the Fall semester, you must be registered for it during the Spring Semester.

• Preparation for Pre-PT Concentration Application
  o Since students will be given access to the Pre-PT Concentration Application based on the Declaration Meeting they sign up for, students will be applying at various times.
  o To help students prepare for the application it is recommended students prepare the following materials.
    ▪ Up to date resume
    ▪ Answer the following essay questions (1 page, double-spaced per essay question).
      ▪ Why do you want to be a physical therapist?
      ▪ Why do you think you would be a good candidate for the Pre-PT Concentration and DPT 4+3 Program?
    ▪ Letter of Recommendation Signed and Sealed
  o These materials are only to be submitted to the online Pre-PT Concentration Canvas Application once granted access after declaring the major.