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Welcome to the University of Florida Doctor of Physical Therapy Program! You are joining one of the most dynamic Physical Therapy programs in the country. Opportunities for students abound and we encourage you to get involved. We are proud of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni. You are joining a physical therapy program with a long and rich history, as well as, a program ranked as one of the best in the nation. The education you receive now will positively impact communities tomorrow and contribute to the Gator Good!

INTRODUCTION

Until further notice we are operating under a number of altered policies and procedures due to COVID. When/if these procedures are changed you will be notified. When alterations affect normal operations described you will see both COVID and normal operations noted below.

Many of the policies and procedures students need to know are included in this manual; others are included in the UF Student Handbook and may be amended from time-to-time. Students are responsible for their education and behavior, which includes understanding policies and procedures outside of this handbook, and include University and College policies and procedures that affect their academic progress and use of University and College resources. Policies and procedures are subject to change, and students are responsible for staying abreast of the latest updates. The DPT Student Handbook is updated annually and all DPT students are bound to the policies and procedures in the most current edition of the handbook. Furthermore, DPT students are required to sign a statement annually indicating they are familiar with the most current DPT Student Handbook.

If students have questions regarding the DPT program, or any other aspect of University of Florida life, please do not hesitate to contact a physical therapy faculty or staff member, the Director of Physical Therapy Education, the college dean’s office, or the appropriate University office. The Department of Physical Therapy will assist in whatever way to help the student be successful. It is the Department of Physical Therapy’s hope that all students find their college experience enriching, both personally and academically.

College of Public Health & Health Professions

Mission

The mission of the College of Public Health and Health Professions is to preserve, promote, and improve the health and well-being of populations, communities, and individuals. To fulfill this mission, the College fosters collaborations among public health and the health professions in education, research, and service.
Goals

**Goal I:** Provide excellent educational programs that prepare graduates to address the multifaceted health needs of populations, communities, and individuals.

*Objectives*
- 1. Enroll a strong and diverse student body
- 2. Recruit and retain outstanding faculty
- 3. Maintain and enhance excellent academic programs that emphasize current knowledge, discovery, and practice
- 4. Prepare students who, upon graduation, are competitive in the public health and health professions employment markets

**Goal II:** Address priority health needs by conducting high quality research and disseminating the results.

*Objectives*
- 1. Compete successfully for research funding
- 2. Promote collaborative research within the college and across the university
- 3. Produce and disseminate new knowledge that contributes to the health of communities and individuals

**Goal III:** Lead and actively participate in serving our university, our professions, and individuals and communities.

*Objectives*
- 1. Develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations to promote health
- 2. Provide professional service to the community
- 3. Provide professional service to the college and the university
- 4. Provide educational programs that meet workforce development needs

Values

The College of Public Health and Health Professions' core values were developed with input from the college's faculty, students, staff and other constituents. These values guide our education, service and research activities, and the College strives to impart them to our students.

- Commitment to excellence
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Respect for human dignity
- Social responsibility
- Teamwork
Department of Physical Therapy

Mission
The mission of the Department of Physical Therapy is to advance rehabilitation practice and science. The Department does this through education and mentorship, basic and clinical research and service to the profession and communities.

Philosophy
The Department of Physical Therapy believes in the right of each individual to have ready access to health care.

It endorses promotion of health, preventative care, and rehabilitation as major roles in physical therapy. It believes in the right of each patient, student, and faculty member to access the best evidence based practice as a reflection of academic and clinical truth. It believes that the search for the best evidence based practice should occur in an environment that fosters growth of the individual, personally and professionally. It believes that it is the responsibility of the faculty to advance knowledge through their research, teaching, and creative endeavors. It believes that learning is a life-long, on-going activity and it strives to instill this belief in our students.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Mission
The mission of the DPT program is to prepare students to become physical therapists who embrace evidence based physical therapist practice, meet the multifaceted health needs of patients, consumers, and society, and participate in professional and community service. To fulfill this mission the Doctor of Physical Therapy program creates a stimulating and collaborative environment that promotes education, research, service and leadership.

Philosophy
The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Florida supports the mission of the College and the Department of Physical Therapy with the ultimate purpose of preserving, promoting, and improving the health and well-being of populations, communities, and individuals. Our values of excellence, diversity, integrity, respect for human dignity, teamwork, and social responsibility serve as the pillars of our faculty’s educational philosophy and are reflected in our Program goals.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program believes that:
- Physical therapists are essential members of the health care team who maintain, restore, and improve movement, activity, and health enabling individuals of all ages to have optimal functioning and quality of life, while ensuring patient safety and applying evidence to provide efficient and effective care. (APTA 2011)

- The promotion of health and preventative health care are major roles in physical therapy.

- Optimal learning occurs in an educational environment that
  - fosters growth of the individual personally and professionally.
is safe, inclusive, respectful, caring, fair, collegial, and ethical;

- supports collaborative learning through the sharing of ideas, values and philosophies among patients, students, clinicians, and faculty;

- supports diversity in student learning styles, personalities, and backgrounds while using teaching techniques that stimulate intellectual development, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving abilities.

- promotes quality in didactic, clinical, and professional endeavors.

- The responsibility for advancing professional knowledge through research and creative endeavors should be demonstrated by the activities and attitudes of the faculty and consistently conveyed to the students.

- The practice of lifelong learning is necessary for ongoing professional competence, and it strives to instill the attitudes and skills necessary for their continued scholarship.

- Each patient, student, and faculty member has the right to access the best evidence-based practice, and that as role models faculty must engender these values.

- Through involvement in professional organizations, it can contribute to shaping the growth of the profession in its organizational, legislative and societal responsibilities.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program believes that through creating a dynamic and innovative learning environment in a culture of social responsibility and robust research activities, our program will generate leaders who will move our profession forward.

Goals and Outcomes – Entry Level Program

STUDENTS/GRADUATES
SG1: To prepare entry-level students/graduates to become practitioners of collaborative, interdisciplinary, evidence-based practice and meet the dynamic needs of physical therapy healthcare consumers.

*Expected Outcomes*

**SG1a.** The Program will enroll entry-level students/graduates who meet high standards in the areas of academic aptitude.

**SG1b.** Students/graduates will be independent problem-solvers and critical thinkers.

**SG1c.** Students/graduates will be autonomous practitioners able to diagnose and treat movement disorders.

**SG1d.** Students/graduates will be physical therapists who address the unique physical and psychosocial characteristics of each individual client.

**SG1e.** Student/graduates will be physical therapists who adhere to state and professional ethical and legal regulations.

**SG1f.** Student/graduates will be physical therapists who provide safe and effective physical therapy services in a variety of clinical settings.

SG2: To prepare entry-level students/graduates to serve as active participants and leaders in the profession and community.

*Expected Outcomes*
SG2a. The Program will enroll a diverse student body in terms of life experience who have demonstrated a commitment to service and have a high leadership potential.
SG2b. Students/graduates will value active involvement in community and professional service organizations.
SG2c. Students/graduates will hold leadership positions in professional and community service organizations.

FACULTY
F1: To recruit and retain highly trained, effective and productive faculty who have diverse expertise and training appropriate to the Program’s mission.

Expected Outcomes
F1a. Faculty will play an active role in the University through service in Department, College and University activities such as committees and governance.
F1b. Faculty with diverse backgrounds and training will teach in their area of content expertise.
F1c. Adjunct faculty will be appointed based on their unique expertise to augment courses offered by core Departmental faculty.
F1d. An enriched scholarly environment will be achieved through individual mentoring, provision of appropriate resources and training so that faculty will meet standards of teaching excellence.
F1e. Faculty will engage in scholarly activity including publishing in top-level refereed journals and other relevant scholarly venues, and leading externally funded rehabilitation research projects.

PROGRAM
P1: To offer a comprehensive, well-integrated and progressive entry-level curriculum that prepares students/graduates to become physical therapists capable of providing excellent physical therapist services in any healthcare environment.

Expected Outcomes
P1a. Theoretical and clinical education will be provided in each of the major areas of physical therapist practice.
P1b. The entry-level theoretical and clinical curricula will be reviewed concurrently, by semester, and annually, and revised to remain relevant, well-integrated, forward-thinking and consistent with current standards of excellence.
P1c. Life-long learning will be fostered through an emphasis on evidence-based clinical practice.
P1d. Post-professional students of the Department will be recruited as teaching assistants to facilitate translation of evidence from the research lab to the classroom and clinic.

P2: To support a collaborative learning environment that promotes scholarship, service and education.

Expected Outcomes
P2a. Professional growth will be promoted through interdisciplinary collaboration among academic and clinical faculty, students and graduates through mentorship, interdisciplinary training activities and provision of resources.
P2b. Local physical therapists, alumni and other health care practitioners will be involved in the physical therapy curriculum, as guest lecturers and consultants.
P2c. Local physical therapists, alumni and other health care practitioners will participate in Program activities such as continuing education, research and service projects.
P2d. Faculty and students will participate in and lead interdisciplinary scholarship, education and service activities.
Accreditation

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Florida is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The next on-site review is scheduled for fall 2023. Any student graduating from a CAPTE accredited program is eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Each person who passes the NPTE becomes eligible for licensure in any US jurisdiction upon 1) submitting an application for licensure to the Board of Practice in that jurisdiction and 2) completing the laws and regulations examination for that jurisdiction. More information regarding individual states’ law and regulation examinations is accessed through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Licensing Authorities webpage.

CAPTE Contact Information
Address: 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1488.
Phone: 703-706-3245
Email: accreditation@apta.org
Website: CAPTE

DPT students may file a formal complaint against a physical therapy program with CAPTE if they feel a program is not in compliance with CAPTE Evaluative Criteria, or if CAPTE expectations related to academic integrity have been violated. For more information on this process please go to File a Complaint.
1. The program provides educational experiences based on University policy regarding:
   a) tuition
   b) course credit necessary to achieve the educational objectives
   c) scheduled class time and course work

   In doing so, the department considers:
   1) appropriateness of cost to student
   2) fairness in relating course credit to class work hours
   3) effective and efficient assignment of faculty input

2. Mechanisms for withdrawal and refunds are available to students in compliance with University policies.

3. Students have recourse through Petition and Appeal Committees in the event that they feel any unfairness exists in the assignment of final grades.

4. The University Honor Code is applied to all departmental procedures.

5. The department adheres to all safety and health codes and maintains concern for the welfare of visitors, patients, students and personnel.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Health Science Center and College of Public Health and Health Professions Organization

The J. Hillis Miller Health Science Center (HSC) at the University of Florida is composed of six colleges, the UF Clinics, and the UF Dental Clinic.

University, College and Health Center Administration
W. Kent Fuchs, M.S., M.Div., Ph.D., University of Florida President
Joseph Glover, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
David R. Nelson, M.D., Senior Vice President, Health Affairs and President, UF Health System
Michael G. Perri, Ph.D., Dean, College of Public Health and Health Professions
Ed Jimenez, Chief Executive Officer, UF Health Shands
The College of Public Health and Health Professions is composed of 12 departments and programs, the Chairpersons or Directors of these units are:

Department of Physical Therapy

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Distinguished Professor and Department Chair

Department of Biostatistics

Peihua Qiu, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

Department of Clinical and Health Psychology

Glenn E. Smith, Ph.D., ABPP-cn
Professor and Chair

Department of Environmental and Global Health

Tara L. Sabo-Attwood, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

Department of Epidemiology

Peihua Qiu, Ph.D.
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Department of Health Services Research, Management & Policy

Stephanie L. Hanson, Ph.D., ABPP (Rp)
Executive Associate Dean and Acting Chair

Department of Occupational Therapy

Sherrilene Classen, Ph.D. MPH, OTR/L
Professor and Chair

Department of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences

Kenneth J. Logan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Chair

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Director

Public Health Program

Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH
Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs & Director of Master of Public Health Program

Rehabilitation Science Ph.D. Program

David Fuller, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
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**Faculty**

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Specialization: Orthopaedics, Musculoskeletal PT |
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Director of Physical Therapy Education  
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Specialization: Orthopaedics |
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Clinical Professor  
Director of Professional Education and and Community Engagement  
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D.P.T. – University of Florida

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MPAS – University of Florida

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Academic Calendar and Course Registration

The DPT program follows the University calendar with the exception of Summer C sessions. During the Summer C term the University summer break between the A and B term is not observed. Instead, the DPT program finishes classes one week earlier than published in the University calendar so that students usually have a longer break between the end of the Summer C semester and the beginning of Fall semester. Please note that clinical experiences often begin earlier than the UF academic calendar (Monday versus Wednesday start dates). Students are responsible for ensuring that all holds are removed from their record at least two weeks prior to the start of classes in order to allow the Department to register the student for courses. If the Department is unable to register the student for courses, students will be responsible for any penalty fees.

Building Designation

The Health Science Center (HSC) is composed of six Colleges and UF Health Hospitals and Clinics. The abbreviations used to designate buildings and rooms utilized by students in the HSC are:

- HPNP- Public Health and Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy
- CG- Communicore (Bio-Media Services) -north of MSB
- MBI- McKnight Brain Institute

Dental Sciences Building
Room Designation: The letter preceding the room indicates the building: two numbers indicate the room if on the ground floor; in a three-number designation, the first number indicates the floor, i.e., H611 Hospital main section, sixth floor, M-228, Medical Science Building, second floor.

Non-Health Science Center Building Abbreviations
Clinical Learning Center (CLC) – The Physical Therapy center and clinical space is located above the CVS drugstore on the corner of SW 13th Street and SW 16th Ave.

Security

COVID Update
The HPNP Building will be locked with one access point. Authorized personnel can gain access with their Gator 1 card at the Lenel reader. The reader is located at the central doors in the courtyard on the south side of the building (aka, Student Services/Nursing entrance). Students should only be in the HPNP building when they have scheduled courses. The building is not currently a location where students can study or gather outside of class time.

Normal Operations
The Departmental offices and classrooms are locked from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. The HPNP Building is locked from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The Clinical Learning Center is open for scheduled classes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. BUILDING DOORS ARE NOT TO BE PROPPED OPEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SAFETY REASONS. There is
a buzzer in the Clinical Learning space which allows students access. Assigned students will be responsible for opening the downstairs door to the building.

**Access to the HPNP building/lab rooms outside of regular hours:** Students may access the building with their Gator1 card. PT staff will request activation of students’ Gator1 in the first week of the first semester. To have access to the PT rooms during locked hours, students will contact DPT Curriculum Coordinator, Dr. Gloria Miller stating the reason for room opening (e.g. study for lab practical in soft tissue), any materials necessary for study sessions (e.g. goniometers), and requested hours. Students will need to make arrangements to have the lab opened with the Teaching Assistant assigned to the course.

Access to the Clinical Learning Center is limited to scheduled classes, Equal Access Clinic or other scheduled learning opportunities.

The Health Center has limited access from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Six entrances will remain open all times:

1. Main entrance to the hospital
2. Stetson Hall (Medical Science Building)
3. Dental building doors to west parking lot
4. Emergency Room
5. West loading dock to west parking lot
6. West entrance to Communicore building

During normal working hours, all other doors for the HPNP building and Health Center will be accessible.

Requests for police assistance, escort service, lost or stolen property should be reported to the University Police Department Control Center, 352-392-1111.

**Health Center Facilities Available to Students**

**COVID Update**
*The hours of the facilities below may be impacted. Please check the links below, or contact these facilities, to determine accessibility.*

**Health Science Center Library - Limited Hours and Policies:** The 2nd floor of the Health Science Center Library is currently open Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm. Entry is restricted to Gator1 card access.

**Normal Operations**

**Health Science Center Library**

The Health Science Center library is one of the largest medical libraries in the United States. It is located on the first, second and third floors of the Communicore building. Students can also find directions by going to the Health Science Center Library page. When using the library, students must have their Gator1 card available since the library is usually limited to use of Health Center personnel and students. Books and audio-
visual instructional materials on reserve for the various professional courses are in this library and should be requested from the librarian at the reserve desk.

Hours:

- Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Holiday hours may vary. For an up-to-date schedule, check the library’s website [Hours].

**Health Science Center Campus Shop and Bookstore**

The Campus Shop and Bookstore for the Health Science Center is located in the Medical Science Building, ground floor (next to the Post Office) in room MG-15. Students can find a map and bookstore hours here: [Health Science Center](#). This bookstore carries all the texts for PHT courses, and other student supplies. The Bookstore is also capable of ordering any texts that are "recommended" but not required by Course Instructors. Title, author, publishing company, and ISBN# are helpful information in ordering additional texts.

**Professional Student Lounge**

A professional student lounge is located on the ground floor in the Communicore (Room CG-14) and is available to DPT students. The lounge is open 24 hours. A Gator1 card is required to access the lounge.

**Dining Facilities**

The UF Health Science Center offers a variety of dining options. Please view the [Health Science Center](#) website for the names, hours, and locations.

**Smoking**

The University of Florida is a Tobacco-Free Campus. The use of cigarettes or other tobacco products in UF buildings, parking lots, or in vehicles in these areas is prohibited campus-wide.

**Post Office**

The Post Office is located on the ground floor of the Medical Science Building. It provides full postal service for staff and students. A mailbox for stamped mail is located outside the main entrance to the Hospital.

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Transportation**

Parking facilities adjacent to the Health Center and at the Clinical Learning Center are limited. Information regarding parking privileges on campus, regulations, and the purchase of decals can be found at [Parking and Transportation Services](#). Parking is only available for faculty and patients at the Clinical Learning Center. Walking, biking or taking the bus to classes at CLC is expected.
Bus service provided by Regional Transit System is free for all students with a Gator1 ID. Campus and city maps can be found at RTS - Regional Transit System.

Bike racks can be found throughout the Health Science Center for students who choose to bike to campus.

**Lockers and public restrooms**

**COVID Update**

*Lockers will not be available to students until further notice.*

**Normal Operations**

Locker space is available for PT students. Lockers are located on the first floor of the HPNP building in the hallway of the Department of Physical Therapy. The Department of Physical Therapy will assign lockers to students. Students are responsible for providing their own locks. Please retain the locker combination number or lock key in a secure place. Should a student request to have their lock cut, they may be assessed a fee for this service.

**COVID Update**

*Restroom access in HPNP and CLC is restricted to two occupants at a time. Follow signage on restroom doors to determine occupancy and when you can enter the room.*

**Normal Operations**

Restrooms are utilized by patients, students, faculty, and the public. Changing facilities are limited, however please demonstrate modesty while changing in restrooms out of respect for visitors and guests. Students are not permitted to change clothes in the hallways. Students are expected to assist with maintaining a clean and presentable space for patient management at the Clinical Center Space including the restrooms.

**Name Tags/ Gator1 ID Card**

**COVID Update**

*Gator1 IDs are required to access the HPNP building and the cadaver lab.*

**Normal Operations**

All students are required to purchase and wear photo identification tags/Gator1 ID cards for use in UF Health Shands Hospital and the Health Center. These name tags will also be used during practical examinations and while on clinical visits to other facilities. These name tags must be properly worn (displayed on clothing in a plastic sleeve) at all times within the Health Center for purposes of security and identification. The name tags should be displayed in a similar fashion during practical examinations and clinical visits to other facilities. Students are responsible for obtaining a Gator1 Card prior to
orientation. Instruction on this process will be provided to incoming students.

**Telephones/cell phones**

Department and faculty telephones are not available for student use. Public phones are available in the Health Center and Hospital lobbies. The Department recognizes that cell phones are necessary for communication. Students are **required** to turn cell phones or similar devices to a silent mode during class time as professional respect for faculty, guest speakers, and peers. Inappropriate and/or unauthorized use of phones during class can result in a professional warning.

**Visitors**

**COVID Update**  
*Until further notice no visitors are permitted in the HPNP building or CLC. Exceptions include patients invited by an instructor for class or EAC clients.*

**Normal Operations**

Students’ family members are welcome to visit the Department. Pre-arrangement when possible is a courtesy.

**Advisement/Counseling**

**Current student issues**  
All students are welcome to speak directly with the Director of Physical Therapy Education or with the Director of Professional Education and Community Engagement at any time. If neither of them are available in the office, making an appointment via email or voice mail is appropriate. *Concerns regarding individual courses should always be taken directly to the course instructor.*

All DPT students will be assigned a professionalism mentor. Professionalism mentors are physical therapy faculty with understanding of the mission, goals, and values of the DPT program who provide support and insight in the professional development of student physical therapists.

The faculty is accessible to all students in the Department. Students may make an appointment with a faculty member via email, voice mail, or by directly visiting the office.

**Counseling**

Professional counseling is available at the [Counseling & Wellness Center](#) for students experiencing difficulty. Their web page lists the variety of services available. These include counseling services for a variety of problems such as study skills, stress, and test-taking skills, peer problems, marital stress, women's issues, multicultural concerns, alcohol and substance abuse, etc. The Counseling & Wellness Center is located at 3190 Radio Road (352-392-1575). Initial appointments must be made in person.
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Class Attendance

The DPT program is provided in a professional environment to foster the development of professional-in-training. Every class and laboratory is important to facilitate development, and therefore attendance is expected for the scheduled didactic (including virtual delivery) practical and clinical education experiences. Students should consult with the Clinical Student Handbook regarding specifics for attendance at clinical experiences. Since course content and learning applications differ between courses, the faculty instructor of each course will determine whether attendance is mandatory (with the exception of excused absences) and whether there are penalties for absenteeism. Ultimately, it is the individual student’s responsibility to request permission from faculty of a schedule conflict and check with their instructor on the course attendance policy, prior to making any plans to miss a class.

The faculty recognizes that emergencies and appointments may arise when the student cannot attend class. If a student unexpectedly cannot come to class, he/she/they should email the faculty teaching the courses they will be missing to alert them of the absence.

In the event of an unexcused absence for any reason, the student will be held responsible for any content, clinical experiences, other learning experiences, quizzes, exams, competencies and/or practical exams. It is expected that the student will contact the specific instructor to determine if the opportunity exists to reschedule these obligations (i.e. missed exams, practicals, etc.). Such obligations missed for reasons other than emergencies may or may not be able to be made up. Each instructor will address specifics for their course material and expectations for completion of course requirements in their course syllabus.

Professional Meeting and Attendance of Research Seminars

- There are many opportunities for students to attend district, chapter, national and continuing education meetings of the American Physical Therapy Association with the faculty, and other students. This will allow students to start early in their career to increase knowledge about the profession and influence decisions about the future of the profession. Each student is encouraged to attend one district, chapter, or national meeting of the APTA before graduation. Students may be excused from classes to attend, but this is at the discretion of the course instructor. Students are responsible to clearly communicate with individual faculty well in advance for obtaining any missed classroom materials or information.

- Students in the physical therapy program are required to attend the Department of Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Research Seminars in the Fall and the Spring semesters of their first year. This seminar series hosts local and external experts in basic science and clinical rehabilitation related research, with a primary emphasis on neuromuscular plasticity. This is an important and unique aspect of UF’s DPT program and attendance at this seminar series complements the physiology, evidence based practice, neuroscience and exercise physiology courses taken in the first year. Faculty will initiate follow up discussions on the seminar content in these classes, and students are encouraged to do the same. The seminars are held 12-1 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (with the exception of the first week of classes and finals week). A sign in sheet will be circulated at each seminar to track attendance and
students are required to attend 5 of 6 seminars in both the Fall and Spring semesters unless prior arrangements are made in the case of an excused absence. Any violations of this policy will result in a professionalism warning. As students may have to attend a seminar soon after a class involving lab attire, both lab attire and professional dress are acceptable for these seminars. Students are not permitted to use laptops, tablets, or phones during the seminars.

Policy Regarding Students with Health and Medical Conditions

Students with health or medical conditions that need consideration of accommodations must follow University policy and procedures to request these accommodations. Students must register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in the Dean of Students Office. The DRC then determines reasonable accommodations to promote inclusion of all participants. In order to receive an accommodation for any program related activities, each student must request a letter outlining the specific accommodations needed using the DRC portal. Appropriate documentation regarding the student’s health condition is necessary to obtain any reasonable accommodation or support service. Please refer to the Clinical Student Handbook for further details regarding clinical affiliations.

The DRC will provide written documentation of accommodations directly to faculty and the DPT Program Director. The student is responsible for informing the DRC which faculty should receive the letter. Additionally, the student must provide documentation from the DRC to each instructor for every class in which an accommodation is being requested every semester throughout the program. Students will not be provided accommodations unless they follow all University policy and procedures for requesting accommodations.

Student physical therapists must meet the essential functions and technical standards required of the majority of physical therapist practice, unless they have special considerations that the university is able to accommodate under the “reasonable accommodations” of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These requirements are necessary for both the clinical portion of academic courses and clinical experiences. An inability to carry out any of these requirements at any point in the program may result in dismissal from the program. It is the student’s responsibility to perform self-assessment and identify deficiencies he/she/they may have in these requirements and contact the program director to discuss any concerns. The requirements are as designated below:

Communication skills:
Students must be able to communicate effectively with faculty, peers, coworkers, clients, patients and other members of the healthcare team. Effective communication includes the ability to receive, interpret, utilize and disseminate information via verbal, non-verbal, and written communication in a manner that is comprehensible by colleagues, clients, and laypersons. It is required that students communicate in the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice, verbally and in writing (handwritten or typed). Students must demonstrate the ability to sensitively and effectively communicate with individuals with disabilities and/or from different social and cultural backgrounds.

Observation skills:
Students must be able to accurately observe the client’s or patient’s activity and behavior during examinations and interventions as well as changes in status such as skin temperature and/or color, heart rate, facial expression, muscle tone, breath sounds, and breathing rate or pattern. Students must also be able to accurately observe and interpret demonstrations in the classroom, projected slides or overheads, x-rays, and monitor dials on equipment.
Psychomotor skills:
Students must be able to develop proficiency in motor skills required for accurate examination, evaluation, and intervention techniques. The student must demonstrate adequate locomotor ability to allow them to physically maneuver to and from and within the classroom, lab, and clinical settings in a timely and safe manner. This includes the ability to quickly and appropriately respond in emergency situations such as preventing a patient's fall. Students must be able to safely and effectively manipulate or maneuver their own body and another person’s body and/or body parts to perform examination and intervention techniques and emergency procedures (e.g., transfers, gait training, positioning, mobilization, exercise, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of tools such as goniometer, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, etc.). This includes skilled coordination and fine motor skills to manipulate measurement tools, and perform manual examination and intervention techniques. Students must be able to perform physical therapy examination and intervention procedures in a manner that is consistent with the American Physical Therapy Association’s (APTA) Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Practice and the Florida Physical Therapy Practice Act.

Students must be able to perform the physical demands required by the majority of clinical settings in which physical therapists practice. These physical demands include the ability to:

**Continuously** (67-100% of workday) utilize gross and fine motor hand coordination with repetitive motions such as simple and firm grasp tasks requiring manual dexterity.

**Frequently** (34%-66% of workday) stand, walk, climb stairs, reach, squat, twist, bend and lift and carry items up to 30 pounds for a distance of at least 30 feet. Also, must be able to exert push/pull forces up to 24 pounds for distances up to 50 feet.

**Occasionally** (up to 33% of workday) kneel, crawl, and reach above shoulder level, as well as lift and carry items between 10 and 40 pounds for a distance of at least 30 feet. Also must be able to exert push/pull forces of up to 30 pounds for distances up to 50 feet.

Cognitive/Intellectual skills:
Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, synthesize, and apply large amounts of information in a short period of time. Students must be able to understand and apply principles, theory, and research to physical therapist practice. Students must demonstrate the ability to think critically and problem-solve. Students must have the ability to accurately self-assess and reflect on their own performance.

Behavioral/Affective skills:
Students must possess and demonstrate a level of emotional health and maturity that allows the full use of their intellectual capabilities, the use of good judgment, the ability to effectively handle physically, emotionally, or intellectually stressful situations. This includes the ability to adjust and adapt to changing situations or uncertainty in the academic or clinical environment. Students must also demonstrate a commitment to working with individuals with physical and cognitive deficits from a variety of age groups, cultures, socioeconomic status, without bias.

If a student is **limited or prohibited from performing the essential functions & technical standards noted above** because of injury, illness or pregnancy, the student must request that his/her/their healthcare provider complete the "Medical/Health Condition Verification of Disability form" outlining the student’s current limitations and the expected timeframe of limitations. Each individual situation will be evaluated to determine whether the student is able to continue in the clinical/academic portion of the curriculum and whether reasonable accommodations (short term and/or permanent) can be made.
Financial obligations

Full and part-time clinical experience financial obligations
Students should be prepared for transportation, lodging and food costs associated with all clinical experiences. Full-time clinical experience placements are determined by computerized matching. There is no guarantee that a student will be placed in Gainesville or the surrounding area. Approximately 65-70% of the placements are outside of Gainesville, with 10-20% of those out of state.

Health, Immunizations, and Trainings Requirements

COVID Update - Face masks are required for all students, faculty and staff while on campus and at CLC. Students are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment. We recommend a minimum of three cloth masks that can be washed. (CDC recommendations on how to wear a face mask, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html and how to don PPE https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html). Social distancing guidelines should be followed at all times on campus unless practicing direct contact techniques in practical classroom settings.

Failure to abide by UF or programmatic requirements while on campus and/or at CLC will result in prohibition from participation in DPT-related activities, including but not limited to lecture sessions, laboratory sessions, patient days, and community engagement activities. Makeups for missed classes and activities due to a lack of a face mask will be made at the discretion of the individual instructor and are not guaranteed.

DPT Students are required to adhere to the following schedule regarding immunizations and trainings. Details regarding the requirements can be found following the schedule.

Pre matriculation Schedule

By July 1st
- TB Test
- Required Vaccinations
  - MMR
  - Hepatitis B
  - Varicella (positive titer also acceptable)
  - Meningococcal Meningitis (not required, but highly recommended)
  - TD (Tetanus/Diphtheria) and/or Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheris/Pertussis)

By July 31st
- HIPAA
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Confidentiality Statement
- Anatomical Board Statement of Understanding

Post Matriculation Schedule

By January 31st annually
- HIPAA
- Confidentiality Statement

By March 1st annually
• Blood Borne Pathogens

By May 1st annually
• TB Test
• CPR Card-one time training

By November 1st annually (deadline subject to change based on flu shot availability)
• Flu shot

1. Required University immunization:
   All students are required to meet the immunization policy of the University of Florida in order to register. This includes measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

2. Required Program Immunizations:
   All students entering the DPT program are required to have the following immunizations. Evidence of these immunizations (or evidence of immunity when permitted) must be provided prior to matriculation by the deadline stated in the offer letter. Students may be required to obtain additional immunizations in order to complete clinical experiences. If applicable, information regarding additional requirements will be provided at the appropriate time.
   Required forms, submission instructions, and information on acceptable vaccines and proof of immunity can be found at the UF Health Compliance Office website.

Required

• Measles, Mumps, Rubella
• Hepatitis B (Students need to begin the vaccine series prior to entering the program. Students may show evidence of series completion after enrollment but the series must be completed before clinical experiences)
• Varicella
• TD (Tetanus/Diphtheria) and/or Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis)

Highly Recommended

• Meningococcal Meningitis

3. TB test (PPD):
   Students are required to have annual TB tests. TB tests are available through the Student Health Care Center.

4. Influenza Vaccine:
   According to the policy established for the Health Science Center, students are required to have an annual flu vaccine. Exceptions are granted only for documented medical reasons. Multiple opportunities are available to receive the vaccine on campus free of charge prior to and during flu season.

5. Health Insurance/Hospitalization:
   The University of Florida has a mandatory health insurance requirement for all newly admitted (or re-admitted) students attending any campus of the University of Florida. Students are required to show proof of adequate health insurance as a condition of enrollment. It is important that students check the Student Self Service page to review the
mandatory health insurance requirement hold on that is placed on the student’s academic record and read and agree to the policy. Students must agree to either submit health insurance information and that it meets the adequate coverage requirements (waiver) OR that students will be auto-enrolled in the school sponsored health insurance plan and billed for it. This hold will prevent students from registering for classes. More information including insurance coverage guidelines, frequently asked questions, how to submit one’s insurance information and more, can be found at the Student Health Insurance page.

The program requires that all students must also show documentation of health insurance that provides hospitalization coverage valid in the event of illness while on full time clinical experiences.

6. CPR certification:
All students are required to have basic CPR certification for the healthcare provider. Certification must be attained by the start of Clinical Education III and must be kept current.

7. Additional requirements:
Each clinical site may have additional criteria that the student must comply with (e.g. current medical exam, FIT test, drug testing, background check). Students are reminded that while on clinical experience they must comply with all university and hospital or clinical policies.

8. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Compliance:
All students are required to complete annual training regarding bloodborne pathogens. This will be included as part of the coursework.

9. Anatomical Board Statement of Understanding:
All students must complete and sign the “Pledge of Respect”.

10. HIPAA 101 – The Medical Privacy Rule Training & Confidentiality Form
All Students need to complete the HIPAA 101 “HIPAA & Privacy – General Awareness” training online annually. Additionally, after completing the HIPAA training, students need to complete the Confidentiality Statement. Students are required to complete and submit documentation of the above mentioned requirements, as instructed by the faculty and staff in accordance with departmental policy.

11. Access to Health Services
Students have access to many free, or reduced, health services through UF’s Student Health Care Center (SHCC). For specific information on these services please visit the SHCC website at.

12. Criminal Background Checks:
Students will be required to complete a criminal background check prior to matriculation. Based on the requirements of specific clinical sites, additional updated criminal background checks may be required prior to beginning clinical experiences.

Respectful use of classroom and laboratory spaces
The Department of Physical Therapy conducts its lectures and labs on-campus in University spaces, as well as off-campus at the Clinical Learning Center located above the SW 16th Street CVS. As guests of the teaching facilities and users of University-owned equipment, students are to use the equipment and physical spaces in a responsible and professional manner (for
example: keep feet off of the tables/furniture, do not lie on the tables, and use equipment only for its intended use), to ensure that future classes continue to have the same privileges.

General Housekeeping and Clean-Up

**COVID Update**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms and lab spaces is required. Your instructors will inform you of expectations and responsibilities to assist with sanitation.

Normal Operations

Participation in keeping the classrooms and labs clean, neat and orderly, as well as participating in the laundering of linens is representative of responsibility and professional behavior.

**Drinking and eating** – Beverages are allowed in the classroom, and can be consumed under the following conditions: 1) beverage is in a covered container; and 2) beverage is consumed during lecture session. Food is allowed in the classroom, and can be consumed under the following conditions: 1) with explicit permission of the individual faculty during lecture session; and 2) on break time. Chewing gum is not permitted in lecture, lab, community engagement activities, practicals, exams, or during clinical experiences. The faculty will revoke the students’ right to have beverages and food if the classrooms are not kept clean. This is particularly important in the Clinical Learning Center which is used for patient management.

**General room cleaning** – All students are expected to clean up after themselves in any classroom area being utilized. This includes the disposal of beverages, food, trash, newspapers, the cleaning of mats, plinths, and work areas. The student responsible for ensuring supplies are maintained and duties performed will be identified in bold type on the schedule. Set-up and clean-up teams will be assigned by the laundry schedule and explicitly communicated to all students by email and/or the class syllabus. Students should take the initiative to contact the instructor and/or teaching assistant to determine set-up/clean-up needs during their assigned week(s). The cleanup duties in the Clinical Learning Center also include checking the bathrooms for adequate toilet paper, hand soap and paper towel supplies, replenishing supplies if needed and informing faculty, teaching assistants and/or office staff of the need for additional supplies. As in any clinical facility, students are asked to show initiative and responsibility to report or address unforeseen circumstances to maintain a presentable clinical facility. If any food or drinks are spilled, the carpet should be cleaned as soon as possible and the instructors informed immediately.

**Linen** - All students will be assigned to assist with the laundering of linens and lab coats used in anatomy lab. Washer, dryer, and laundering materials are available in the lab at HPNP. If linen is required at the Clinical Learning Center, students may be asked to assist with transporting linen to and from campus.

**Assigned responsibilities** - Students will be assigned to take care of laundry, clean-up, linen transportation and opening the door for students at CLC for one week per semester while on campus.

Failure to participate in these assigned duties will negatively impact faculty assessment of student professional behavior and may result in a professionalism warning in the student’s file and potentially a referral to the Professionalism Committee.
Dress Standards

DPT students represent the Department of Physical Therapy, the University of Florida, and the profession of physical therapy. Professional behavior and appropriate dress are expected at all times in the classroom, the laboratories, and the clinical settings. Hats and ball caps are not permitted during any indoor learning activities. The remaining guidelines are intentionally broad and will be interpreted and enforced in a manner determined by the faculty of the Department of Physical Therapy.

- **Lecture Dress** is to be worn for all classroom settings that are not designated as laboratory experiences. Lecture dress is “professional” attire that includes examples of (but not limited to) the following: shirts with collars, modest sleeveless blouses, casual slacks, skirts, clean closed toe shoes, etc. Shirts should be tucked in or be clearly designed to be untucked and still remain professional in appearance.

- **General Laboratory Dress** is worn for participation in lab activities that will provide both modesty and free movement. Laboratory dress includes examples of (but not limited to) the following: UF PT T-shirt (grey or blue), gym/khaki shorts with an inseam of at least 4 inches (i.e. volleyball/spandex shorts are not permitted), athletic shoes with socks, etc. T-shirts not issued by the Department of Physical Therapy, jean shorts, or “cut-off” shorts are not acceptable. Leggings do not provide adequate exposure of the lower extremity joints and are not considered appropriate lab attire. Women will need to wear a sports bra, halter-top, or swimming suit top to expose the scapulae and spine.

- **Anatomy Laboratory Dress** may include regular dress although scrubs are recommended as anatomy lab involves exposure to preserved body parts and chemical odors. A laboratory coat is recommended and should be worn over clothing/scrubs.

- **Clinical Affiliation Dress** is proper attire when the students are in a clinical setting. See Lecture Dress above for examples of business casual clothing that would be appropriate. Clinic visits require active participation, so students must wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Note that clean professional closed toe shoes are required for clinic visits/affiliations. Excessive jewelry and/or cologne/perfume should not be worn. Clinic attire may be dictated by the assigned facility, and students are responsible for adhering to those regulations.

- **Casual Days** will be every Friday. Other days may be designated as Casual Days and will be announced by the Department of Physical Therapy. On these Casual Days, students may wear jeans and/or flip flops to class. Casual attire should be in good taste. However, students who have a class scheduled on a Friday that involves a guest lecturer must wear lecture dress as previously described. If the Friday class has a lab, students may be required to wear laboratory attire as described above.

- **Modesty:** Students should dress in a manner that preserves the modesty of the student as well as any faculty, guests, professionals, or other students with whom they interact. Modesty of dress promotes ease of communication/interaction, and demonstrates respect for others.

**Other Dress Code Guidelines**

**Official nametags** (pages 20) are required for all practical sessions and clinical visits. A student’s own name tag must be properly worn (displayed on clothing in plastic sleeve)
at all times during practical and clinical visits. Dress (lecture vs. lab) for practical sessions are at the discretion of the instructor.

In instances when a class has combined sessions (i.e. lecture and lab), it is at the discretion of the instructor whether lecture or lab dress is required. The instructor will provide this information to the students by class announcement and/or through the class syllabus. The dress code will not be enforced during reading days and finals week.

Social Media Policy - University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy

The Department of Physical Therapy recognizes that electronic forms of communication and social media have assumed a larger role in education, clinical practice, and research. However, an increasingly widespread use of social media also means that distinctions between private personal matters and public information have become blurred. Students, staff, faculty, and administrators with affiliations to the Department and UF brands should ensure their social profiles are privatized and accessible only to trusted "friends." It should also be recognized that it is illegal to post some protected information or activities. In these cases, violations can be subject to civil and criminal penalties, which may include fines and/or imprisonment. In addition, violators may face administrative actions by the Department and/or the University of Florida, which could range from a letter of reprimand to course failure and/or dismissal from clinical experiences or the University. Communication and social applications may include but are not limited to Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube. The University of Florida defines social media as applications such as those listed above, but also includes other formats, such as text messages.

The following activities are strictly forbidden and may be subject to legal action and/or Department and University sanctions:

● Students may never post the personal health information of others. De-identifying an incident involves much more than removing an individual’s name. Other potentially identifiable information includes the date or location of the encounter, age, gender, race/ethnicity, diagnosis of the individual, and/or treatment plan. This is a federal and state-protected right that holds violators accountable to disciplinary actions and personal legal liabilities.

● The University of Florida and all clinical affiliation sites have specific policies for obtaining limited consent to photograph and/or record patients and clinical care for educational purposes. Social media postings of photographs or videos of surgeries, wounds/injuries, and patients in clinical or class outreach activities may contain identifiable information and thus are forbidden.

● It is not permitted to disclose the academic information about another student, which may include but is not limited to examination or course grades, clinical experience evaluations, and academic or disciplinary sanctions. This information is federally protected and violators are subject to legal and civil penalties.

● Students may not identify themselves as an official of the Department of Physical Therapy or University of Florida, or state posted opinions as representative of the Department or of UF.

● Similarly, students may not represent themselves as another person (real or fictitious) or obscure their identity in an attempt to circumvent the social media regulations specified in this policy.

● Students may never make direct or implied threats against others, including but not limited to patients, students, instructors, staff, or clinical faculty.

The following activities are forbidden and subject to Department and University sanctions:

● Students may not use electronic media in a manner that interferes with the responsibilities
as a student or hinders with the learning atmosphere of other students. This includes the use of non-class websites and applications during class or lab time that are distracting to other students. Individual faculty will determine which, if any electronic media students may use during a class or lab.

- Students may not take or post photos, audio or video recordings of lectures, labs or review sessions, or any course materials or exams without the authorization of the instructor. Unauthorized use may provide students with an advantage in academic or clinical assessments in this program, and this is considered an Honor Code violation. Students should always obtain permission directly from the course instructor before taking or disseminating information.

- The use of social media for unauthorized collaboration on assignments, online quizzes or exams that have been designated as individual work. If the students are not certain whether an assignment is individual or collaborative, they must first ask their instructor for clarification. Unauthorized collaboration in any form for any item that has been designated as individual work is considered a violation of the UF honor code and subject to separate disciplinary action up to and including removal from the program.

The following unprofessional behaviors are strongly discouraged and subject to disciplinary action from the Department/University, clinical affiliation site, or both:

- Use or display of offensive language.
- Photographs, videos, or language that can be interpreted as disrespectful to individuals or groups based upon their age, gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.
- Photographs, videos, or language that can be reasonably interpreted as participating in or condoning the irresponsible use of alcohol, substance abuse, or sexual promiscuity.
- Posting of potentially inflammatory or unflattering material on a group or another individual’s social media page (i.e., Twitter post, “wall” of another’s Facebook page)

Students will be accountable to additional rules and regulations specified by their clinical experience sites. Failure to comply with the social media policies of the clinical institution will result in disciplinary action and potential removal from or failure of their clinical experience.

Use of personal and University email accounts:
Please be aware that “ufl.edu” or “phhp.ufl.edu” email addresses are under the jurisdiction of the State and thus their contents are subject to audit at any time. These accounts should be used within the context of the official University role. Communications to faculty, staff, and administration at UF should always occur through the student’s ufl.edu account (not a personal account).

The University of Florida social media policy specifies that Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and other social media websites or applications with handles including but not limited to “UF,” “UF DPT,” “UF Physical Therapy” must be vetted through the UF social media office. Videos may not portray individuals as acting on behalf of the university or any aspect of the university (dept, HSC, etc) without authorization by the Vice President with jurisdiction over the applicable unit.

If the content is personal or UF is only tangential/incidental to the purpose of the page, students are strongly encouraged to use a personal email address as their primary means of identification.

Final considerations:
There is significant legal precedence for institutions to use the content of social networking sites as an employment screening tool or as cause for job termination. Therefore, a responsible and professional approach should be used for all personal and professional social media exchanges. Videos or other social media that do not violate laws or UF regulations but present others under a false light, imply professional incompetence, or defame character may be subject to personal civil legal actions filed by individuals.

Remember that even stringent privacy barriers can be breached, and unauthorized individuals may still gain access to a student’s webpage or social media site. While a post can be removed from a social networking site, the information may have already been exported or printed by another user. Therefore content can survive far beyond an initial post, in other sites or media formats.

This policy illustrates the most pressing and most common areas of concern and is not intended to identify every action that does not comply with the law, University policy, or professional standards (refer to APTA). Please consider posts carefully. Use a waiting period or seek consultation if there is a possibility the content could be misinterpreted.

**UFL email address**

All students are required to have a UFL email address for use with academic coursework and responsibilities. Students should go to the GatorLink UF web page to set up their gator link account, access to UF email password, and internet access. Whenever possible, e-mail addresses should be first letter of first name and first seven letters of last name. Health Science Center policy states that all HSC students cannot forward email received to their UF email address to a personal account. Health Science policy supersedes the university policy in this matter and UF email should not be forwarded to another account. These policies exist to improve communication between faculty, staff, and students.

It is the responsibility of the student to check email on a daily basis, both when in the academic program and on clinical experiences. There will be no e-mail correspondence between faculty and students later than 6 pm for requirements the following day.

**Web-Based course platform**

Class content is provided online through the learning management system (CANVAS). Students are required to have access to internet service and a computer to download materials, submit assignments, attend virtual classes and small group sessions, participate in telehealth community engagement activities, take online exams, and interact on discussion boards. Some classes may require access to online materials during class, and students need to have a suitable laptop, tablet or phone access available.

Several classes require access to online materials and examinations during class and/or laboratory. A laptop computer or tablet in good working order is required for students in the DPT program. Exams may be administered in-class via electronic learning, and the devices must be in good working order. If the electronic device crashes during an exam, the student will be expected to notify the exam proctor (if available) and/or email the faculty member.

The DPT program does not require specific hardware manufacturers or software. Microsoft Office 365 is available for all enrolled UF students to download. Please see http://www.it.ufl.edu/gatorcloud/ for more information. The University of Florida requires all
students to have anti-virus software, in order to access the UF Network. Anti-virus is available for all students to download at no cost. For a complete list of software available to UF students please see the UF Software Licensing Services website.

Computer access

Per University of Florida policy, all students are required to own a laptop or tablet. Students will be expected to access laptops or tablets for:
- Course websites, assignments, syllabus, communications
- Online exams and quizzes
- Daily e-mail communication both individually and by group
- Web searches
- Additional areas as assigned

Computer Requirements:
Most computers are capable of meeting the following general requirements. A student’s computer configuration should include:
- Video card capable of showing typical Web-based video content (preferably in HD)
- Sound card
- Speakers and a microphone (for a desktop computer)
- Headphones with built-in microphone (for a laptop)
- Webcam
- USB port
- Printer
- Broadband connection to the Internet and related equipment (Cable/DSL modem)
- Wired internet connection required for online proctored exams
- WiFi wireless networking on laptops
- Microsoft Office Suite installed (provided by the university)

Suggested Hardware Recommendation:
- Intel Core 2 Duo, or i series processor
- 8GB of RAM or more
- 256 Gigabyte Hard Drive or larger
- DVD-R/RW Drive
- USB ports (at least 2)
- 1366 x 768 or higher resolution monitor
- Video CardvSound card
- Printer
- WiFi wireless networking on laptops
- Network (Ethernet) Adapter Card for Broadband -- 100mbit or 1Gbit

Operating System
Because Windows 10 is the most widely supported operating system, it’s currently recommended. The Home basic and starter versions of Windows 10 are not recommended.

Software
- Microsoft Office Suite (provided by the university)
- Antivirus (Microsoft Security Essentials recommended)
- Updated Adobe Flash Player and Oracle Java (distributed for free by their manufacturers)
Updated Adobe Acrobat Reader
Updated Chrome, Firefox, or computer’s original browser
The University provides a number of free and low cost software options for UF students

Apple Mac Computers Running Windows 10
Late-model Macs have the ability to run Windows 10 natively, either on a separate partition of the hard drive or in a virtual machine. Students planning on installing Windows 10 on their Macs should be aware that this will take up a minimum of 30GB of space or a recommended 60GB and should purchase a hard drive with this in mind. Once Windows 10 is installed, the OSX disk that came with your Mac contains all the necessary drivers and applications to allow for Windows 10 to function properly with your hardware.

Students will need to bring portable devices to class for lecture and laboratory electronic material access or online tests.

University of Florida does not require students to own a printer. Many class notes and handouts are distributed from instructors through e-learning, and students are permitted to print copies of these files, if they choose. Printers are available at the libraries and computer labs on campus.

The faculty of the Department of Physical Therapy recognizes that the use of classroom laptops and other electronic devices has the potential to enhance learning, as well as to distract from learning. The following policy outlines student laptop use during class:

- Students are permitted to use personal laptops for note taking or other class activities, as instructed by the professor.
- The course instructor reserves the right to prohibit laptop use privileges during class times.
- Students shall lose laptop privileges if content becomes disruptive to classmates or if it is used for unrelated course objectives.
- The definition of “use unrelated to course objectives” includes, but is not limited to use of instant messaging, social media, games, surfing the net, etc.
- Acceptable uses include taking notes, accessing course-related documents (on or offline), following along with powerpoint documents or class presentations/demonstrations, course-related internet searches, and performing class projects.
- Students are permitted to use laptops during breaks and between classes for “use unrelated to course objectives”, but this use must terminate when class resumes.

Students will sign a statement acknowledging understanding of this policy before classroom use of laptops and other electronic devices (see Appendix D). This signed form will be kept in their file as record of understanding. Student violation of this policy will result in that individual’s loss of classroom laptop and electronic device use privilege for the rest of the time spent in the program.

Information about the computer requirement policy can be found on the College of Public Health and Health Professions resources webpage.

Current contact information

All students are responsible for keeping the faculty and administrative staff updated as to their current information re:

- Phone contact: local, cell, and permanent
- E-mail address
- Address: local and permanent
- Person to contact in emergency
Please give this information to Gisella Schroeder, Academic Assistant. Send directly to Gisella at gg74@phhp.ufl.edu.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY GRADING SYSTEM

Grading Scale

Students must maintain a “B” average (2.67) during the three years of their professional PT curriculum. Students with a GPA less than a 2.67 in their major will not be able to graduate.

- 93-100 = A
- 90-92 = A-
- 87-89 = B+
- 83-86 = B
- 80-82 = B-
- 70-79 = C
- 60-69 = D
- Below 60 = E

4.00 grade point
3.67 grade point
3.33 grade point
3.00 grade point
2.67 grade point
2.00 grade point
1.00 grade point
0 grade point

Students are expected to take ALL exams and practicals as scheduled, unless prior approval is obtained from the course instructor. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the course instructor must be notified directly and documentation must follow before a make-up may be scheduled and/or excused absences will be permitted.

All academic and clinical coursework must be successfully completed in sequence. Failure to complete a course in sequence may cause a student to wait a full year before resuming the program.

End of Year Comprehensive Skills Examinations

In the summer semester of year 1 and year 2, all students must pass a comprehensive skills examination conducted at the Harrell Assessment Center. The examination follows a format similar to that required of medical students and is used by the program to assess the students’ ability to apply knowledge of didactic coursework to clinical scenarios. Students are evaluated during the year 1 and year 2 comprehensive skills examination upon both their performance of tested skills and their interaction with the standardized patients.

- As part of the year 1 comprehensive skills examination students are provided specific assessment and treatment procedures covered during their first year in the program and evaluated upon their ability to properly perform these tasks on standardized patients.
- The year 2 comprehensive skills examination assesses critical thinking skills. Students are provided with patient scenarios and evaluated upon their ability to properly manage a standardized patient. As part of the year 2 comprehensive skills examination, students must also complete multiple choice questions related to individual scenarios. The year 2 comprehensive skills examination tests assessment and treatment skills covered during the first 2 years of the program.

Students who score < 70% on an individual skill must repeat the individual skill and students who score < 80% on the entire examination must repeat the entire examination. Repeat testing will be scheduled approximately 1 week post the initial test. Students who do not meet these requirements on the re-test must enter the remediation phase. This requires students to meet
with an identified faculty member to develop an individual remediation plan based on the test results. Following a documented successful remediation period the student will be eligible to re-test during the final two weeks of the summer semester. In preparation for actual clinical experiences, there is no opportunity for extended time frames or similar accommodations for these examinations.

Students must achieve > 70% in all skills to achieve a passing score in the associated courses (Clinical Education I and Differential Diagnosis). Students who do not achieve this level of performance will receive a U or an E for the course.

See Appendix B for specific remediation details.

**Academic Expectations**

- **Academic Progression**
  Students in the physical therapy program must demonstrate competence in both academic and clinical components of the curriculum in order to progress. Academic competence is demonstrated through satisfactory performance in coursework, assignments, and practical exams. Students must pass all safety requirements on practical exams by 100% in order to progress and must score at least 80% on other requirements. **If a student must repeat a practical exam for any reason, the highest grade the student may obtain for that exam is 80%**. Students may repeat a practical only one time. If a student does not pass on the second attempt, the student must appeal to the Department Progressions Committee for a third chance. **Failure on a third chance, if granted, will result in an “E” for the course.**

A student, who repeatedly fails practical exams on the first attempt in one or more courses, will be referred to the DPT Program Director for academic advising and a plan of remediation.

Any student who withdraws from one or more courses in a semester will be expected to enroll in those courses dropped the next time they are offered. Students withdrawing from one or more courses (for reasons other those medically approved at the University level) may do so no more than twice during the entirety of the program before dismissal.

**For the policy regarding clinical experience courses, please refer to the Clinical Education Handbook.**

- **Academic Probation**
  Any student who earns less than a 2.67 cumulative GPA at the conclusion of any semester will be placed on academic probation. A student placed on academic probation at the end of the semester must meet with the DPT Program Director during the first week of the subsequent semester to discuss a plan to improve future performance. **If the cumulative GPA is less than 2.67 by the end of the subsequent semester, the student will be dismissed from the program.**
  A student who makes a grade of “D” in any course must repeat the course for credit the next time it is offered and will be on probation. The student must receive a grade of “C” or better to progress academically and must have at least a 2.67 GPA overall. If the student receives a grade below a “C” on retake, or if the Overall GPA is not at least a 2.67, the student will be dismissed.
  **A student, who makes a subsequent “D” in another course, after a “D” has been successfully remediated, will be dismissed from the program.**
  Any student who receives an “unsatisfactory” grade on a clinical experience graded on a “Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory (S-U)” basis, will be dismissed from the program. A “U” in a course graded on an “S-U” basis is equivalent to an “E”.  

• **Program Dismissal**

A student will be dismissed for:

1. An “E” received in any course or a “U” in a course graded on an “S-U” basis
2. Two “Ds” received, even if the first “D” is remediated
3. Failure to maintain a 2.67 after 2 semesters
4. Serious and/or repeated violations of professional behaviors

Academic progression of students will be discussed among faculty in monthly faculty meetings.

*Please see the special rules concerning clinical education courses in the next section.*

**Academic Integrity**

Students are responsible for abiding by the **Code of Student Conduct** and the **Academic Honesty Guidelines** as presented in the University of Florida Student Handbook.

**Honor Code**

Honor Codes have been shown to be effective deterrents to cheating. The Honor Code is a pledge all students should sign on work submitted for a grade. The Code provides that on all work submitted for credit by students at the University, the following pledge is either expressed or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment”.

**Academic Honesty Guidelines**

The conduct set forth hereinafter constitutes a violation of the Academic Honesty Guidelines. Those adjudged to have committed such conduct shall be subject to the penalties listed in the Student Conduct Code.

**ALL OF THE VIOLATIONS BELOW RELATE TO COMPUTER GENERATED CLASS ASSIGNMENTS, PAPERS, AND EXAMINATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE ASSIGNMENTS, PAPERS, AND EXAMINATIONS THAT ARE HANDWRITTEN OR TYPED.**

**Taking of Information** - copying graded homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual(s) on a take-home test or homework when not specifically permitted by the teacher; looking or attempting to look at another student’s paper during an examination; looking or attempting to look at text or notes during an examination when not permitted.

**Tendering of Information** - giving work to another student to be used or copied; giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after taking an exam; informing another person of questions that appear or have appeared on a previous exam; giving or selling a term paper or other written materials to another student.

**Plagiarism** - copying homework answers from text to hand in for a grade; quoting text or other written materials submitted to a teacher when requested by the teacher to present student’s own work; handing in a paper as own work which was purchased from a term paper service; retyping a friend’s paper and handing it in as own work; taking a paper from fraternity files and handing it in as own work; copying sentences directly from a book without giving the author credit.

**Conspiracy** - planning with one or more persons to commit any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, giving term paper to another student who will knowingly plagiarize it.
**Misrepresentation** - having another student do a class assignment and handing it in as a student's own work; lying to a teacher to increase grade; or any other act or omission with intent to deceive a teacher as to the authorship of oral or written materials submitted or presented to a teacher which would affect grade.

**Bribery** - offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting money or any item or service to a teacher or any other person so as to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.

Faculty members have been asked by the University President and the Student Court to take preventive measures to discourage academic dishonesty and the Student Court has stated, “students may also be called upon to detect academic violations.”

Faculty members are required to have all assessments worth 15% or greater for a course grade be proctored. Other recommendations are use of alternate key systems and assurance that physical security measures are adequate in offices and in reproduction of examination.

Students observing academic dishonesty are honor-bound to report to the faculty member teaching the course who, in turn, are required to report this incident to the Dean for Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

The Health Center Student Conduct Standards Committee is a Presidentially appointed committee comprised of four faculty members and one student member from each of the Health Center Colleges. Cases of academic dishonesty occurring in the Health Center Colleges are also referred by faculty members to the Dean for Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, P202 Peabody Hall, 352-392-1261. If, after consultation with the faculty, it is determined that a hearing is necessary to resolve the allegations against the student, the committee is convened as follows: three faculty members and one student member from the college of the accused student and one faculty member from another Health Center college.

Prior to the hearing, the student will be advised of rights and privileges under the Student Conduct Code by the Office of Dean for Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. If, after a hearing by the Health Center Student Conduct Standards Committee, the student is adjudicated guilty, the committee shall recommend one or more sanctions to the Dean for Student Services, P202 Peabody Hall, who will take final action. Sanctions can range from Reprimand and a failing grade in the course to Expulsion from the University.

For further information regarding the disciplinary process, consult [The Student Handbook](#) or contact the Director of Student Judicial Affairs.

**Professional Behavior**

Professional behavior is critical for a successful transition from the classroom to the clinical setting and is considered as important as academic performance in the UF DPT program. The faculty recognizes the importance of professional behavior by incorporating the development and evaluation of professional behavior into each academic course. All students must attain appropriate levels of professionalism on the University of Florida’s Professional Development Tool (PDT). Student performance on the PDT will be determined by behaviors in the classroom and lab. Additional feedback will be provided by peers, instructors, and teaching assistants. Students will use the PDT to formally self-evaluate their professional behavior and participate in professionalism teams, with peers, faculty, and clinicians. Students will attain a level of “beginner” professional behavior by the end of semester 2, just prior to two semesters of part-time clinical experiences; a level of “developing” professional
behavior by the end of the middle of the fifth semester, just prior to first full time clinical experience, and “entry-level” professional behavior by the end of semester six, just prior to three full time clinical experiences. Failure to do so will prevent the student from advancing in the curriculum.

Professionalism Expectations

**Development of Professional Behaviors**
As representatives of the UF DPT program, professional behavior is expected of students at all times; including but not exclusively: during scheduled class, curricular and clinical activities, extracurricular professional events, community activities.

Students in the physical therapy program must demonstrate competence in professional behavior in order to progress through the curriculum. This is demonstrated through satisfactory performance in ten core areas: commitment to learning, stress management, critical thinking, communication, interpersonal skills, responsibility, professionalism, use of constructive feedback, effective use of time & resources, and problem solving. Students must consistently demonstrate professional behavior in each of these areas in order to progress through the physical therapy curriculum.

In the first year of the program students will be assigned a faculty mentor to assist with professional development. The student will work with the faculty mentor in one-on-one and group sessions to ensure an understanding of the role of professionalism in this curriculum, and for an entry level physical therapist. The faculty will assist the student in completing self-assessment of professional behavior, setting professionalism goals, and with other factors related to their development.

**Professionalism Infractions**
Unprofessional behavior may result in dismissal from the program. We realize that professionalism is broadly defined but, for our purposes, professional behavior should fit into the scope of what would be expected of a licensed physical therapist. A major learning goal of the DPT program is that all students will exemplify Core Values of Professionalism and will follow the Code of Ethics, as put forth by the APTA (http://www.apta.org/Professionalism/). While it is expected that students will achieve the professionalism exemplified by an entry-level physical therapist by the end of the DPT program, it is also understood that there may be an occasion when an unprofessional communication or behavior occurs.

Faculty members will most commonly identify unprofessional behavior during their routine interactions with students. When a professionalism infraction occurs, the program goal is to help a student to recognize, identify and correct the unprofessional communication or behavior, and to ultimately improve the student’s understanding and behavior with regards to professionalism to prevent any future infractions. The DPT faculty and administrators will discuss the professional progress of current students during monthly DPT faculty meetings, in order to help students overcome any barriers to their success in the program.
The following table classifies professionalism infractions by severity, outlines the corrective approach and documentation of the incidents. Examples of unprofessional behaviors (not an all-inclusive list) are outlined in the table below:

## Classification of Professionalism Infractions

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| **Minor**<br>Ex: One instance of an unexcused tardiness, a late assignment or incomplete assignment | ● Verbal and/or written counseling by instructor or TA.  
● Instructor will email confirmation of incident to student.  
● Instructor will print and file email in student’s Dept of PT record. | ● Written counseling/warning from instructor.  
● Repeated (>2) minor infractions will trigger a review by Professionalism Committee (PC). | |
| **Moderate**<br>Ex: More than two minor infractions; inappropriate communication or behavior that has potential to affect a patient/guest lecturer, another student, TA, or faculty | ● Instructor will review the incident with the student and refer to PC.  
● PC will review case in a meeting with student. | ● Notes from PC meetings will be maintained in student’s Dept of PT record. | ● May include written warning or remediation commensurate with the severity of the violation (i.e. apology letter, self-reflection assignment, etc.) deemed appropriate by the PC.  
● Referral to DPT Program Director and/or remedial assignment may be required for repeated offenses. |
| **Major/Serious**<br>Ex: violation of honor code or UF code of conduct; inappropriate communication or behavior that has affected a patient/guest lecturer, another student, TA, or faculty (e.g. HIPAA, FERPA) | ● Instructor referral to Dean of Students Office for academic management.  
● Instructor referral to PC for concurrent professionalism review.  
● DPT Program Director will be notified. | ● For honor code/student conduct incidents, Instructor will file DSO documentation.  
● PC will provide historical insight to instructor on sanctions for previous violations of a similar nature.  
● Additional guidance is available from PHHP Dean’s Office, UFIT, and/or UF Legal Services as needed.  
● DSO will administer student penalty and penalty becomes part of UF transcript. | ● Instructor investigates and remediates academic sanctions (i.e. lowering of student’s grade for assignment, quiz, exam, and/or in overall course).  
● Student is subject to additional sanctions from PC deemed appropriate as related to APTA Code of Ethics and Core Values. (i.e. oral or written reflection, observation and practice of affective skills in clinical setting, etc).  
● Student is ineligible for UF Dept. of Physical Therapy scholarships, trips (i.e. Nicaragua) and awards. |
| **Critical**<br>Ex: behavior or communication that is illegal or endangers the welfare of the student, a patient, another student, TA, or faculty | ● Immediate intervention when needed to prevent harm.  
● DPT Program Director, PHHP, and UF administration will be notified.  
● Legal authorities (UF and/or Gainesville Police Department) will also be notified when applicable. | ● Critical infractions will be investigated and adjudicated by the DPT Program Director, PHHP/UF administration, and UF Legal Services. | ● The first priority of a critical incident is to ensure the safety of all individuals involved.  
● Students found guilty of a critical violation will be subject to immediate expulsion. |
Students who commit infractions in professional behavior will be notified by the corresponding faculty who has identified the infractions. Solitary minor infractions [i.e. not observing the dress code for labs and class, disturbing the class by using electronic devices, phones, or computers in class in an inappropriate manner, conducting unrelated activities during class time (including sleeping in class), missing class without permission] will involve a written notice.

Examples of more serious violations where a student may be dismissed after one infraction (not an all-inclusive list) are: HIPAA violations, cheating, or plagiarism.

Professional progression of students will be discussed among faculty in monthly faculty meetings.

Repeated infractions (i.e. more than one) or more serious breaches in professionalism will be referred to the Professionalism Development Committee. The committee will review the professionalism concern and relevant references from the handbook and UF policies and procedures. Then, the committee will convene a meeting with the involved parties. After studying all available information, the committee will recommend an action to the DPT Program Director as needed, based upon the severity and frequency of the problem and any history of academic or professionalism infractions. Recommended actions may include but are not limited to reflective papers, online training sessions, meetings with the committee, Program Director, and/or Dean of Students Office, formal remediation plans, removal from a clinical affiliation, and/or dismissal from the UF DPT program.

Examples of more major or critical professionalism infractions where a student may be dismissed after one infraction (not an all-inclusive list) are: HIPAA violations, cheating, or plagiarism.

All professionalism incidents are documented in the student’s academic file, and may influence a student’s ability to be eligible for departmental scholarships, student employment, or service learning trips.

**Procedures for Students to Report Professionalism or Honor Code Concerns**

Principle #5 of the APTA Code of Ethics states, “Physical therapists shall fulfill their legal and professional obligations.” This principle encompasses a physical therapist’s personal accountability, as well as their professional duty to identify and report related concerns to the appropriate governing bodies.

Student physical therapists who have a concern regarding an academic or professionalism infraction should use the following procedures to resolve their concerns:

1. Students are encouraged to first attempt to resolve communication disagreements and minor professionalism concerns (e.g. dress for labs) themselves. Options for student mediation may include: direct discussion of concerns between the students involved, or mediation through the SPTA President or class Professionalism Liaisons.
2. Students also can meet with a member of the faculty at any time, to discuss personal or class-related concerns. Faculty resources include, but are not limited to: the student’s assigned advisor, course instructor, or any of the members of the DPT professionalism committee. Student-faculty meetings are confidential. However, faculty are obligated to forward reports of honor code or serious professionalism violations, as well as instances when there are immediate concerns for the safety of others.
3. According to the University of Florida Honor Code, any individual who witnesses an honor code violation is bound by honor to report it. The appropriate channel for reporting an honor code violation is through the course instructor, who will review the circumstances of the alleged violation and meet with any students involved. Faculty members may consult with the Professionalism Committee regarding procedural issues in handling an honor code violation.

Individuals with a concern about student professionalism can report their concern to the DPT Professionalism Committee. The committee encourages individuals to provide as many specifics as possible in their report. The professionalism committee is unable to investigate an anonymous complaint, and the program can do little to verify or correct concerns that are reported that do not contain specifics of an alleged incident. Once the Professionalism Committee reviews all available facts their recommendations are forwarded to the Program Director for resolution.

### Policies Regarding Clinical Education Courses

**Clinical settings, sites, and supervision**

Clinical education experiences provide the student with opportunities to practice and perform professional responsibilities with appropriate supervision, professional role modeling, and a variety of patients and learning experiences. These experiences require effective communication between clinical and academic faculty, written agreements between the academic institution and clinical centers outlining responsibilities and expectations of each party. Clinical sites that demonstrate the aforementioned criteria are recruited and all efforts are made to maintain strong partnerships with those clinical sites that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to clinical education in physical therapy and have consistently provided superior clinical education for the University of Florida. New clinical sites are developed according to the Department's needs for learning experiences and sufficient site numbers. **Students must refrain from contacting any clinical site or clinician in an effort to secure or arrange a clinical experience. Any student effort to bypass the clinical experience placement process may result in disciplinary action.**

**Unsatisfactory Performance on Clinical Experience:**

A student who performs unsatisfactorily on a clinical experience will be notified of their unsatisfactory performance. The student will either stay on the clinical experience or will be removed from the experience based on individual circumstances. A performance agreement will be developed by the Director of Clinical Education (DCE)/Assistant DCE with input from the student, the Site Coordinator for Clinical Education (SCCE), and the Clinical Instructor (CI) to address the areas of concern while still providing the student to opportunity to progress toward fulfillment of the course objectives. The student must agree to the terms of the performance agreement if the student remains at the said clinical experience. The CI, SCCE, and the DCE/ADCE will give the student specific feedback regarding the changes needed and required time frame necessary to successfully complete the clinical experience.

If it is deemed necessary to remove the student from the clinical experience or the student is unable to modify the deficient behaviors and/or skills, the DCE and/or Professionalism Committee, if applicable, will recommend remediation of skills and a learning contract will be developed with input from the student, CI, SCCE, and the DCE/ADCE and the Professionalism Committee.
Committee, if applicable. The DCE and/or Professionalism Committee will determine where this remediation will take place and for how long the remediation period will be. If the student successfully completes the remediation according to the contract, he/she will have an opportunity to repeat the clinical experience at a site determined by the DCE and will receive a grade of “I” until the clinical experience is completed. If the remediation is not completed satisfactorily in the time period designated, the student will not have the opportunity to repeat the clinical experience and the student will receive a grade of “U” and will be dismissed from the program.

The DPT Program Director will be notified by the DCE of any such student who has received a “U” and the student will be notified in writing of their status.

Students will be allowed one, and only one, remediation opportunity during the clinical education experiences. If the student does not perform satisfactorily on a subsequent clinical experience, the student will receive a “U” and be dismissed from the program.

*For all the policies and procedures referring to Clinical Education, please refer to the [Clinical Education Handbook](#).*

**Policies Regarding the Appeal Process and Readmission**

**Appeal Process:**

A student who is dismissed from the DPT Program for academic or professional reasons may exercise the right to appeal by petition. The petition is first directed to the Department and in the form of a letter from the student stating the reasons the student should be reinstated in the class. At this point an ad hoc committee (e.g. Academic Progression Committee) will be formed to review the petition and make a recommendation to the Program Director. The Program Director may uphold the recommendation or overrule the recommendation. If the decision remains for dismissal, the student may further petition the Department Chair. If that petition is unsuccessful, the student may appeal in writing within one week to the Executive Associate Dean of the College. The Executive Associate Dean will review all previous decisions and the student’s concerns and make a determination about academic or professional dismissal. Both the student and Chair have the further right to appeal to the Dean, who, upon appeal, will review the case in its entirety and make a final College decision concerning academic or professional dismissal.

Upon successful petition at any of the above steps the student will be received back into the class on academic or professional probation. The student will be expected to meet the terms of any reinstatement contract. In the case of professional issues, if the student receives another professional notice, the student will be dismissed from the DPT Program.
STUDENT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COVID Update
The Physical Therapy program views volunteer and service opportunities in the community as valuable experiences and pro bono service as an important role and responsibility for Doctors of Physical Therapy. In the current COVID-19 crisis, service is an important consideration for societal impact as well as professional responsibility. However, community engagement activities will be limited to involvement with the least risk to both community participants and students and should follow all UF, State and Department guidelines for social distancing, hygiene and personal protective equipment. Community engagement activities are subject to change, but at present are limited to virtual activities.

The following section provides additional clarification and guidelines to students participating in service experiences that are either: 1) required as part of the PT Program curriculum; organized by the University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy faculty or in collaboration with other University of Florida entities or partners, or 2) external opportunities outside the curriculum.

Physical therapy students are responsible for adhering to the State of Florida regulations and scope of practice for student physical therapists in all community engagement activities, regardless of whether these activities are sponsored or supported by the UF DPT program. During the COVID-19 crisis this extends to rules, regulations and guidelines to minimize risk of transmission of the virus.

Normal Operations
The practice of physical therapy without a license is a violation of Florida law. Violation of the law governing the practice of physical therapy could result in sanctions to the student, up to and including the inability to obtain a license to practice physical therapy upon graduation.
Therefore, all students need to be aware of and adhere to the following provisions of Florida law and rules pertaining to the practice of physical therapy:

Florida Physical Therapy Practice Rules:
64B17-6.001 (2): Physical Therapy Personnel Responsibilities in General. Physical therapy is a profession involving skilled practice of patient care. The primary concern of the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant is always the safety, well-being, and the best interest of the patient who must therefore recognize and carry out services consistent with legal rights and personal dignity of the patient. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to:
(g). When participating in student programs, ensure that the physical therapist provides direct supervision when students are performing patient care activities. “Direct Supervision” is defined in Rule 64B17-6.001 1(e) as “supervision of subordinate personnel performing directed actions, while the licensed supervisor is immediately physically available.”

Therefore, as a student without a PT license, you must have direct supervision by a licensed physical therapist if you are engaging in the practice of physical therapy, regardless of whether these activities are pursued as part of, or outside of, activities required and/or organized by the DPT program.
However, there is a distinction regarding these two activity categories (within the academic program or outside the academic program) related to liability. Below we provide further clarification on the types of activities that are considered to be part of the DPT program and those that are not and the difference in liability.
Category 1: Community engagement or patient care activities within the DPT curriculum or initiatives organized by the UF DPT Program (Currently only virtual)

This service category refers to activities that are required as part of the DPT Program curriculum, organized by the University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy faculty and/or in collaboration with other University of Florida entities or partners as part of student training within the DPT program.

This category encompasses required course activities including patient days, REACH group (Rehabilitation, Education, Activity and Community Health) activities, community visits or experiences at an organization/agency that are part of, or an extension of the DPT curriculum. Other activities organized by DPT faculty individually or in groups for the purposes of learning and course requirements where students are supervised by licensed physical therapists fall into this category. Students participate in these experiences arranged through, and approved by, the DPT Program with faculty input and support, and students are supervised by a licensed physical therapist.

If these patient care and community experiences fall within course or program requirements are within the scope of the student’s responsibilities as part of their DPT program education, students are covered by the University for Professional Liability Insurance.

Category 2: External opportunities outside the DPT curriculum

This category refers to external service opportunities with no affiliation to the academic program. These service activities are outside of DPT program involvement (e.g., UF DPT administration and faculty have no assigned oversight, supervisory responsibility, or role in planning, implementing, or supporting). These experiences are external to the university and are NOT part of UF PT clinical education, DPT community engagement or service learning activities, or otherwise supported by the PT Program or its faculty. This category includes both volunteer and paid service opportunities through an organization/agency or to an individual/family in which PT students elect to engage outside the curriculum.

If students pursue an external arrangement there is no support or protection from the DPT Program. Students must still adhere to State of Florida rules and regulations related to scope of practice requiring direct supervision by a licensed clinician and must not undertake any independent activity that could be considered skilled physical therapy services.

Students assume liability for any services they provide outside of the DPT program and are prohibited from providing skilled physical therapy services as defined by Florida Statute 486. Students need to clarify with outside groups to ensure that they are meeting this expectation for any activity they are undertaking. Students are NOT covered by the University for Professional Liability Insurance for any activities outside of the curriculum or DPT Program initiatives. If a malpractice claim were to be filed by an organization/agency or by an individual/family, the involved student may be named in the claim and fully responsible for all consequences related to these claims.
PRO BONO HONORS

The Pro Bono Honors society recognizes those undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate commitment to providing underserved clients and communities with quality physical, occupational, and speech therapy plus other related fields while maintaining the standards and requirements of their curriculums and their professions.

Students will be provided an opportunity to apply for Pro Bono Honors in their final semester in the DPT program. Students will receive an honors cord and certificate and be recognized at the graduation banquet. Students will be selected based on recommendations from faculty for outstanding contributions to the community, DPT program and peers in the delivery, leadership and administration of community engagement activities. While outside volunteer efforts are recognized in the quality of the application, the minimum number of hours for consideration is for service in the UF DPT Program activities.

AWARDS

COLLEGE LEVEL

COLLEGE LEVEL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH DPT STUDENTS MAY APPLY:

Judson Clements Jr. Scholarship
The Judson Clements Jr. Scholarship is awarded based on available funds, therefore more than one may be awarded each year. Candidates are those College of Public Health and Health Professions students who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities through service to their community, school, church, etc. Consideration is given for demonstrated financial need and current or former residents of Duval County, Florida are given preference. Complete the application form by going to the College of Health and Health Professions Scholarship page.

Shands at UF Auxiliary Scholarship
Shands Auxiliary awards scholarships based upon availability of funds. When given, these awards are for students who have completed at least one semester in the program and will remain in the program throughout the calendar year; therefore graduating students are not eligible. Applicants must have a strong commitment to the ideals and endeavors of his/her chosen profession, demonstrate financial need, and have average or better grades. Complete the application form by going to:

COLLEGE LEVEL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH DPT STUDENTS MUST BE NOMINATED:

Dean’s Scholar Award
This award is given to the most outstanding undergraduate and graduate student scholar in the College of Public Health and Health Professions. The criteria for this award are outstanding community and university service and leadership, leadership potential as indicated by participation in professional organizations, and excelling in clinical, research, or other professionally related activities. Please note students must have completed at least one year in the program and preference is usually given to graduating students.
DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL

DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH DPT STUDENTS MAY APPLY:

Department level contact: Dr. Joel Bialosky

The Claudette Finley Scholarship Award
The Claudette Finley Scholarship Award was established by the Class of 1999 in recognition of Ms. Finley who has taught anatomy for 35 years while a faculty member in the Department of Physical Therapy. The class initiated this recognition and in consultation with the University of Florida Foundation established the award and secured contributions from the alumni of this program prior to their graduation in the Spring of 1999. The award will be presented to an entry-level student annually during their second year in the physical therapy program. Selection of the student will be based on criteria that include excellence as a student in the anatomy courses, willingness to teach others in the anatomy courses, demonstrated financial need, and participation in campus and/or community activities.

Julia Conrad Trojanowski Scholarship
A scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding entry-level student with a GPA in physical therapy coursework of at least 3.65. Additional criteria include excellent clinical skills as demonstrated on laboratory and practical examinations. The student must also be recognized by his/her colleagues as a caring, compassionate, & highly principled person of outstanding character. The student must demonstrate financial need and complete the application form by going to the College of Health and Health Professions Scholarship page.

Rolf and Anne Kuhns Endowment for Physical Therapy Scholarship
A scholarship is awarded to the student who demonstrates outstanding performance in the first full-time clinical experience, thereby showing promise as a future clinician of excellence.

McWells Scholarship
This award goes to a Doctor of Physical Therapy student who demonstrates outstanding volunteer work and/or community outreach.

DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL AWARDS FOR WHICH DPT STUDENTS MUST BE NOMINATED: (These awards are given at the Graduation Banquet)

Department of Physical Therapy Martha C. Wroe Outstanding Clinical Performance Award
Outstanding clinical performance is recognized as a highly valued achievement. The faculty recognizes a student each year that has been supported by all of the clinical preceptors as a deserving recipient. The award consists of a framed certificate. The awardee’s name is added to the master plaque that is retained in the Department of Physical Therapy.

Department of Physical Therapy Outstanding Scholastic Student Award
The Department of Physical Therapy initiated an award for scholarship in 1972. This award is based on a student’s grade point average in the Physical Therapy entry-level program and is presented at the Physical Therapy Department Graduation Banquet. The award consists of a framed certificate. The awardee’s name is added to a master plaque that is permanently displayed in the Department of Physical Therapy.
The Goldstein Family Memorial Fellowship in Physical Therapy
This award goes to an applicant to the student in the entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy program demonstrating leadership, service, and financial need.

The Joan Wynne Mathews Scholarship
This award goes to an applicant to the student in the entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy program who is a non-Florida resident demonstrating leadership, service, and financial need.

The Miller and Toni Couse Physical Therapy Fellowship
This award goes to an applicant to the entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy program demonstrating leadership, service, potential to contribute to the profession and financial need.

The Barbara and Michael Connolly Scholarship
This award goes to an applicant to the entry level Doctor of Physical Therapy program demonstrating leadership, service, and financial need with a minimum of a 3.5 undergraduate GPA.

Frederick Family Scholarship
Bill and Mary Ann Frederick established the Frederick Family Scholarship in Physical Therapy to endow scholarships for students in the Department of Physical Therapy. An award will be given to a student in the entry-level DPT program. The DPT student is nominated by his/her peers during the spring semester. Criteria for selection include: treating others with positive regard, dignity, and respect, dependability when given responsibilities by peers and faculty, and showing good judgment in decisions, particularly those that have an impact on peers.

The Dr. Mark H. Trimble Memorial Scholarship Award
The Dr. Mark H. Trimble Memorial Scholarship Award was established in Dr. Trimble’s honor following his untimely death in February of 2001. Dr. Trimble was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy from 1994-2001 and taught in the area of orthopedics. This scholarship recognizes a student who has demonstrated excellence and a strong commitment to the learning and development of clinical skills in orthopedics and has shown initiative and self-reliance in his or her studies, assignments, and responsibilities in the entry-level program. The award will be presented annually to the student at the end of their third year in the entry-level program.

COMMENCEMENT

The official College of Public Health and Health Professions Convocation ceremony for the graduating students is held at the end of the Spring Semester. The actual commencement exercises are arranged by the University and include wearing the cap and gown and the awarding of the clinical doctoral degree. Hooding will be done by a faculty representative. Graduates are encouraged to attend all of these festivities.

PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSING EXAM

Please note that once a UFDPT student receives their degree, they will become eligible to take the licensure exam in Florida. It is illegal to provide physical therapy services without a license, therefore, UFDPT graduates must secure a license according to the requirements of the state in which the graduate wishes to begin practicing physical therapy. The Florida State Board of
Physical Therapy regulates licensure in the state of Florida. Other specific requirements for licensure vary slightly among states. Students can begin to explore the requirements for each state by reviewing the information provided on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) website. Please note that these requirements are modified frequently so students must be sure to get up to date and accurate information at the time of graduation. The licensure exam is a computerized exam with criterion referenced scoring, which is the same for all states.
Appendices
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DPT Curriculum Overview and Course Descriptions

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Curriculum
Department of Physical Therapy
College of Public Health and Health Professions
University of Florida

Semester 1 Fall (16 weeks):

PHT 6153: Physiology for Physical Therapy
This is a course intended to introduce students to the subject of human physiology. The material to be covered will allow the student to learn how the human body functions from the cellular level to the organ system level. In addition, the effects of diseases on normal body function will also be included. The emphasis will be on the conceptual understanding of physiology and not on the memorization of isolated facts.

PHT 6187C: Functional Anatomy I
The purpose of this course is to provide a detailed introduction to anatomy of the human body, and the functional ramifications of that anatomy to human motion. This will include study employing lecture and laboratory sessions involving regional cadaveric dissection of the upper extremity under the supervision of instructors, and information on joint structure and function, forces that affect motion and the resultant kinematics. Emphasis is on the neuromuscular and musculoskeletal anatomy.

PHT 6605: Evidence Based Practice I
This course reviews relevant research design and statistical issues to prepare the student to become a critical consumer of rehabilitation research. The student will be exposed to selected topics on research theory/philosophy, sampling, research design, descriptive/inferential statistics, power, error, estimation, reliability, validity, and reading a journal article.

PHT 6024: Professional Issues I
The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the profession of physical therapy and the role of the professional in physical therapist practice. Topics include the application of Core Values and professional behaviors, ethical decision-making, communication, models of rehabilitation, professional and legislative advocacy, dissemination of information to peers, patients, and providers, and financial considerations as a professional student.

PHT 6502: Health Promotion and Wellness for Physical Therapy Practice I
This course is designed to initiate an interdisciplinary learning practicum for health professions, pharmacy, dental and medical students. The central theme of the course is family health over the life cycle. Students will learn to conceptualize family health beliefs and behavior from a biopsychosocial framework, and they will learn to assess family health care needs and health care access through a multidisciplinary lens.

PHT 6206C: Basic Clinical Skills I
This course is designed to prepare the student for patient care activities including communication, assessing vital signs, body mechanics awareness, patient positioning and draping, basic exercise and transfers. Students will develop these basic skills in a laboratory setting and with case studies prior to practice with patients in authentic clinical situations in semester three of the program.

Semester 2 Spring (16 weeks)

PHT 6188C: Functional Anatomy II
The purpose of this course is to provide a detailed introduction to anatomy of the human body, and the functional ramifications of that anatomy to human motion. This will include study employing lecture and laboratory sessions involving regional cadaveric dissection of the lower extremity and trunk under the
supervision of instructors, and information on joint structure and function, forces that affect motion and the resultant kinematics. Emphasis is on the neuromuscular and musculoskeletal anatomy. Using this knowledge the student should be able to analyze activities regularly observed in the clinic.

**PHT 6189C: Examination and Evaluation**
The purpose of this course is teaching the student the basic elements of assessment that applies to all patients with a potential need for physical therapy services. Students will learn the basics of examination and evaluation, selection of appropriate tests and measures, use of validity, reliability, and best evidence to select tests and measures, and the use of critical thinking and decision-making to determine the most appropriate intervention and outcomes for all patients.

**PHT 6168C: Neuroscience for Physical Therapy**
Neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, basic neuroscience and evidence based practice for neurological therapeutic intervention. Course includes lecture, wet specimen anatomy laboratory, utilization of neurological case studies and review of current scientific literature.

**PHT 6503: Health Promotion and Wellness for Physical Therapy Practice II**
This course is the follow-up to the interdisciplinary learning practicum for health professions, pharmacy, dental and medical students, which was initiated in the prior semester. The central theme of this half of the course is developing wellness plans for individuals or families in the community. Students will learn to assess family health care needs, seek out community resources, and educate community members on specific issues related to their own health and well-being.

**PHT 6207C: Basic Clinical Skills II**
This course is designed to prepare the student for patient care activities including infection control, patient safety and emergency management, wheelchair and equipment management, gait training and durable medical equipment prescription. The student will obtain an overview of basic exercise training techniques (strength, flexibility, endurance, and relaxation) applicable to prevention and wellness services as well as to those populations requiring rehabilitation or restoration of function due to illness, injury, or chronic disability.

**PHT 6152C: Exercise Physiology**
The purpose of this course is to understand the physiological mechanisms and organ systems that allow humans to engage in physical activity and how these systems are changed by chronic activity (training) and disuse.

**Semester 3 Summer (13 weeks)**

**PHT 6770: Musculoskeletal Disorders I**
The purpose of this course is to educate students about physical therapy evaluation and treatment for musculoskeletal disorders of the lower extremity.

**PHT 6218C: Therapeutic Modality Interventions in Physical Therapy**
This course is an introduction to the management of pain and dysfunction using thermal, electrical and mechanical modalities used by Physical Therapists in general practice. Lectures will highlight basic scientific rationale for approaches discussed while laboratory experience and problem solving using patient case studies should enhance the student’s understanding relative to direct patient care.

**PHT 6860: Clinical Education I**
The purpose of this course is to provide part-time clinical experiences in acute care settings, wound care, ICU, and outpatient orthopedics as a means for the student to make associations between classroom material and clinical experiences.

**PHT 6608: Evidence Based Practice II**
This course will introduce the student to key concepts of evidence-based rehabilitation science. The first section of the course reviews basic principles of an evidence-based approach and subsequent sections review issues related to diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention.

**PHT 6352: Pharmacology in PT Practice**
This course provides a study of prescription and/or over-the-counter medications used in the management of a variety of patient conditions encountered during physical therapy management.

**PHT 6186C: Motor Control/Therapeutic Exercise I**
This course introduces the student to the fundamentals of movement science, offers a framework for understanding normal and abnormal movement, and includes concepts of kinesiology, neuroscience, physiology, motor control, and motor learning. The course will integrate theory and basic principles of motor behavior, motor development, motor control and motor learning as they relate to human motor performance across the lifespan.

**Graduate Year 2**
**Semester 4 Fall (16 weeks)**

**PHT 6771: Musculoskeletal Disorders II**
The purpose of this course is to educate students about physical therapy evaluation and treatment for musculoskeletal disorders of the spine and upper extremity.

**PHT 6381C: Cardiopulmonary Disorders in Physical Therapy**
The purpose of this course is to understand the pathophysiological mechanisms of cardiopulmonary disease, how to perform a Physical Therapy evaluation to treat these problems and design, safe and effective rehabilitation programs for patients with cardiopulmonary disorders.

**PHT 6070C: Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging in Physical Therapy Practice**
This course is a progression from a basic understanding of plain film principles to a systematic analysis of the spine and extremities. The student will learn a systematic method of analyzing and integrating imaging findings into the physical therapy diagnostic process. In addition, the utility of imaging in physical therapy practice will be emphasized.

**PHT 6861: Clinical Education II**
The purpose of this course is to provide part-time clinical experiences in outpatient orthopedics as a means for the student to make associations between classroom material and clinical experiences. Didactic material and clinical experiences are integrated with information from PHT 6771 Musculoskeletal Disorders II. Students spend a full day every other week in an outpatient orthopedic clinic.

**PHT 6761C: Neurorehabilitation I**
This course will provide information concerning neurologic diseases and disorders that are common to clients evaluated and treated by physical therapists in the acute care setting. From a medical perspective, information will include disease description, etiology, pathology, clinical signs and symptoms, diagnostic procedures, medical management, and precautions or special considerations pertinent to physical therapists. From a physical therapy perspective, specific standardized assessments, evaluation and treatment strategies, techniques, and approaches will be addressed.

**PHT 6302C: Principles of Disease**
The purpose of this course is to educate the Physical Therapy student on basic pathology, presentation, signs, and symptoms related to common diseases/conditions. Conditions that will be discussed are those that may be encountered by the Physical Therapist in the acute care, sub-acute/rehab, home health care, and outpatient settings. Course will also highlight evaluation and treatment strategies for patients presenting with these conditions. The course will begin emphasis on the student's ability to recognize signs/symptoms that may help to differentially diagnose pathologic conditions from musculoskeletal conditions, and be able to make a referral to an appropriate physician source for conditions beyond the
scope of Physical Therapy treatment. This course provides the foundation for the “Differential Diagnosis” course that is offered in Semester 6.

**Semester 5 Spring (16 weeks)**

**First 8 weeks**

**PHT 6762C: Neurorehabilitation II**
This course will provide information concerning neurologic diseases and disorders that are common to clients evaluated and treated by physical therapists. From a medical perspective, information will include disease description, etiology, pathology, clinical signs and symptoms, diagnostic procedures, medical management, and precautions or special considerations pertinent to physical therapists. From a physical therapy perspective, specific standardized assessments, evaluation and treatment strategies, techniques, and approaches will be addressed. The role of the physical therapist will be addressed across treatment environments and across the time course or progression of the disease (acute through chronic).

**PHT 6527: Professional Issues II**
This course is designed to build upon the professional behaviors and skills identified in Professional Issues I. As students continue clinical visits started in Clinical Education I and continued in Clinical Education II, direct application of topics to currently encountered case studies is addressed. Topics related to skills necessary for taking responsibility for and providing health care services to the public will be explored in greater depth. This course will focus on developing skills needed to provide and bill for physical therapy services in a manner that is consistent with legal and ethical guidelines for clinical practice.

**PHT 6374: Geriatrics in Physical Therapy**
This course is an overview of the physical and psycho-behavioral aspects of aging in adulthood. Students are introduced to usual and pathological changes with aging and are challenged to problem solve treatment issues relevant to the types of older clients they will assist in physical therapy clinical settings. The multidimensional concerns of our older patients are emphasized, and students are encouraged to develop themselves into strong generalist physical therapists to serve the needs of our older clientele.

**Second 8 weeks**

**PHT 6811: Clinical Education III**
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with their first full time clinical experience that occurs in the settings of acute care, general orthopedics, or subacute care. This clinical experience is mentored by one or more trained clinical instructors.

**Semester 6 Summer (13 weeks)**

**PHT 6190C: Motor Control/Therapeutic Exercise II**
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a foundation for examining, evaluating, and providing treatment interventions for individuals who have movement dysfunction secondary to neurological deficits. Emphasis is placed on understanding normal and impaired movement through discussion of current motor control, motor learning, and motor development/lifespan theories. This course teaches examination and evaluation of and interventions for basic functional movement skills and their underlying components such as motor control/coordinance (ability to plan, initiate, sequence, time and grade movements), postural control and balance, perception and sensation, muscle tone, strength, and biomechanical considerations.

**PHT 6322: Pediatrics in Physical Therapy**
Normal and abnormal developmental changes over the course of the maturation process with emphasis on selected medical conditions. Current motor control and motor learning theories applied to therapeutic intervention strategies for the pediatric population. Lecture and lab sessions.
PHT 6702C: Prosthetics and Orthotics
This course reviews the kinesiological principles of gait analysis. Of importance is the student's ability to detect gait deviations and compensations. An introduction to prosthetics and orthotics will be provided. Students will be expected to apply their gait analysis skills when analyzing and understanding the mechanics of gait of amputees and patients with lower extremity orthosis.

PHT 6730: Differential Diagnosis in Physical Therapy
This course is designed to assist the physical therapy student to develop into a direct access practitioner able to consider and identify the broad spectrum of conditions and pathologies represented by a musculoskeletal or neurological complaint. Additionally, patterns of referral to the appropriate healthcare providers will be discussed and the role of the physical therapist as ‘collaborator’ in the healthcare team emphasized.

Graduate Year 3
Semester 7 Fall (16 weeks)

PHT 6807: Clinical Education IV
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with their second full time clinical experience that occurs in the settings of acute care, general OP orthopedics (which must be completed prior to a specialty in orthopedic sports), inpatient rehabilitation, pediatrics, or a combination thereof. By the end of the curriculum, students MUST have completed mandatory full time clinical experiences in acute care, general orthopedics, and a neurological or geriatric rehabilitation setting. The fourth choice is made by the student and must be approved by the ACCEs. These clinical experiences are mentored by one or more trained clinical instructors.

PHT 6817: Clinical Education V
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with their third full time clinical experience that occurs in the settings of acute care, general OP orthopedics (which must be completed prior to a specialty in orthopedic sports), inpatient rehabilitation, pediatrics, or a combination thereof. By the end of the curriculum, students MUST have completed mandatory full time clinical experiences in acute care, general orthopedics, and a neurological or geriatric rehabilitation setting. The fourth choice is made by the student and must be approved by the ACCEs. These clinical experiences are mentored by one or more trained clinical instructors.

Semester 8 Spring (16 weeks)
First 8 weeks

PHT 6823: Clinical Education VI
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with their fourth and final full time clinical experience that occurs in the settings of acute care, general OP orthopedics (which must be completed prior to a specialty in orthopedic sports), inpatient rehabilitation, pediatrics, or a combination thereof. By the end of the curriculum, students MUST have completed mandatory full time clinical experiences in acute care, general orthopedics, and a neurological or geriatric rehabilitation setting. The fourth choice is made by the student and must be approved by the ACCEs. These clinical experiences are mentored by one or more trained clinical instructors.

Second 8 weeks

PHT 6504: Health Promotion and Wellness for Physical Therapy Practice III
This course is designed to provide a framework for the student to develop and implement a plan for a community-based project directed toward improving health awareness in a specific group or population. The skills needed for identifying community needs, developing a strategic plan and securing resources are reviewed. Students must implement the plan and report the results of their program within an 8-week timeframe.
**PHT 6530: Professional Issues III**
This course is designed to build upon the professional behaviors and skills identified in Professional Issues I & II. This course will focus on developing business and professional skills needed to begin practicing as a physical therapist. Topics related to skills necessary for assuming professional responsibility in the areas of advanced management skills, marketing professional services, and providing consultative services are included. This course will focus on developing skills needed to successfully secure licensure as a PT, supervise and manage staff and students, plan and market therapy services, and advocate for legislative changes to state and federal regulations related to the provision of health care services.

**PHT 6609: Evidence Based Practice III**
This course concludes the Department’s evidence based sequence by developing skills that assist students in making clinical decisions that are consistent with the professional literature. The student will gain experience searching the literature by developing clinical questions in a form compatible with electronic search engines and learning differences in available electronic databases. The student will also learn how to contribute to the rehabilitation literature as clinicians by completing modules on case reports and the peer review process.
Appendix B: Years 1 and 2 Cumulative Skills Requirements and Test Remediation Plan

Requirements:
Students must achieve ≥ 70% in all skills and 80% on the overall exam to achieve a passing score in Clinical Education I in year one and Differential Diagnosis in year two. Students who do not achieve this percent grade will receive a U for Clinical Education I or an E for Differential Diagnosis.

Students who score < 70 % on an individual skill(s) must repeat the individual skill(s). Students who score < 80% on the entire exam must repeat the entire examination.
Repeat testing will be scheduled 1 week post the initial test.

Students who do not meet these requirements on the re-test must enter the remediation phase. This requires students to meet with the respective course instructor who will identify a faculty member to meet with the student and help develop an individual remediation plan based on the test results. The student will write a letter outlining his/her plan to remediate the areas of deficiency including, but not limited to such activities as:
1) independent review of relative course materials
2) identifying a partner to practice specific skills for a given amount of time (classmate, teaching assistant, family member, friend).
3) identifying local venue to get opportunities to address the deficient skill including specific times and mentors such as PT Equal Access clinic, time with clinical faculty, etc.
4) developing a method for weekly updates to the faculty member to report activities and progress.

Following a documented successful remediation period (student met all criteria outlined in the remediation plan), the student will be eligible to re-test during the final two weeks of the Summer semester. If on this final re-test, the aforementioned benchmarks are not achieved, the student will receive a U or an E, which results in dismissed from the program.
Appendix C: Doctor of Physical Therapy /Master of Public Health (DPT/MPH) Joint Degree

Physical Therapists are recognized as the preferred providers among consumers and other health care professionals for the diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities related to movement, function, and health. The landscape of global and domestic healthcare policy is changing rapidly and Physical Therapists must participate in domestic and international reform of healthcare. A new cohort of young professional leaders must be trained to participate in these healthcare reform efforts.

To focus these training efforts, the University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy program partnered with the School of Public Health, to develop the DPT/MPH joint degree program.

The DPT/MPH joint degree program adds about one academic year to the time required to complete the DPT degree. Most students will complete the first 2 years of PT school, and then they will complete the majority of their MPH coursework over the next year, followed by a final year of PT classes.

**DPT to Ph.D.**

Students completing the DPT degree at the University of Florida will be eligible to count credits from the DPT degree toward the Rehabilitation Science Ph.D. The actual courses and number of credits will be determined by the primary mentor and approved by the RSD steering committee. To make use of this opportunity, students must begin within two years of completing the DPT.
Department of Physical Therapy Electronic Device & Laptop Use Policy

Students are permitted to use electronic devices and personal laptops for class when allowed by the course instructor. The course instructor reserves the right to prohibit electronic devices and laptop use privileges during class times. Students shall lose electronic device and laptop privileges if content becomes disruptive to classmates or if it is used for unrelated course objectives. The definition of “use unrelated to course objectives” includes, but is not limited to use of instant messaging, chat rooms, games, surfing the net, etc. Acceptable uses include taking notes, accessing course-related documents (on or off line), following along with powerpoint documents or class demonstrations, course-related internet searches, and performing class projects. Students are permitted to use electronic devices and laptops during breaks and between classes for “use unrelated to course objectives”, but this use must terminate when class resumes.

I have read and understand the University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy’s electronic device & laptop use policy and will abide by these policies.

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Initials

Student Statement of Informed Consent
Classes of 2021 – 2023 DPT

I, ____________________________, have received my personal copy of the 2021-2023 "Student Handbook".

print name here

This handbook has been reviewed by me and I understand and am prepared to abide by these policies and procedures. I also understand the “Responsibilities of the Student” as outlined in Part II of the Handbook. I understand that DPT faculty members may engage in confidential discussions about my professional and academic progress in the program, in order to facilitate coordinated efforts to promote my success in the program. I understand that if any changes and/or additions are made to this handbook or any other policies and procedures that affect the Classes of 2021-2023 that I will be notified either in writing or via electronic mail.

Contact Information

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Date