

# PHYSICAL THERAPY, D.P.T.

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## Learning Outcomes

- Students and graduates practice in a safe manner that minimizes the risk to patient self and others.
- Students and graduates demonstrate professional behaviors in all situations and practices in a manner consistent with established legal and professional standards and ethical guidelines.
- Students and graduates are able to: 1) communicate in ways that are congruent with situational needs; 2) adapt delivery of physical therapy services with consideration for patients' differences, values, preferences, and needs; 3) participate in self assessment to improve clinical and professional performance; and 4) apply current knowledge, theory, clinical reasoning, and the patient's values and perspectives in patient management.
- Students and graduates are able to: 1) determine with each patient encounter the patient's need for further examination or consultation by a physical therapist or referral to another health care professional (screening); 2) perform a physical therapy examination using evidence-based tests and measures; 3) evaluate data from the patient examination (history, systems review, and tests-measures) to make clinical judgments; 4) determine a diagnosis and prognosis that guides future patient management; 5) establish a physical therapy plan of care that is safe, effective, patient centered, and evidence-based; 6) perform physical therapy interventions in a competent manner; and 7) educate others using relevant and effective teaching methods.
- Students and graduates will produce quality documentation in a timely manner to support the delivery of physical therapy services and collect and analyzes data from selected outcomes measures in a manner that supports accurate analysis of individual patient and group outcomes.