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Post Baccalaureate Doctor of Physical Therapy
Student Handbook
Graduating Class 2020

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~ Welcome ~

Congratulations! You are at the threshold of an exhilarating academic experience that will include challenging didactic, experiential and clinical opportunities in pursuit of the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the post baccalaureate level. As we move forward in the 2nd decade of the 21st century, rehabilitation has benefitted from significant evidence based practices and technological advances. There has never been a more exciting time to become part of the health care professional team as a physical therapist!

Our rigorous curriculum provides you with the means to augment knowledge gained from prior education and experiences to enter into a profession that addresses the rehabilitation, health promotion and wellness needs of individuals across the life span. The availability of state of the art simulated laboratory learning experiences as well as clinical interactions with independent community consultants augment the didactic component of our program. Northeastern’s unique post baccalaureate DPT [PB-DPT] program includes the country’s only DPT curriculum that is enhanced by our signature co-operative education program. Didactic and clinical studies are further enriched by opportunities to take advantage of several service learning experiences as well as global prospects that have taken students to China, Ecuador, Mexico, South Africa and Switzerland. Collaborative research with PT faculty across the various practice areas of the profession helps to round out our curriculum.

As a graduate of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Northeastern University you will be well prepared to become a reflective, evidence-based practitioner who is capable of responding to the changing needs of a complex world. On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the Department of Physical Therapy, Movement & Rehabilitation Sciences, I extend a warm and sincere WELCOME!

I look forward to working with you, along with Dr. Diane Fitzpatrick throughout this new and exciting academic process.

Sincerely,

Sonya L. Larrieux, MA, PT
Director PB-DPT Program

Diane Fitzpatrick, PT, DPT, MS, GSC, CEEAA
Associate Director PB-DPT Program
Handbook Objectives/Intent

The **PB-DPT Student Handbook** describes the curriculum, requirements, policies and procedures for post baccalaureate DPT students at Northeastern University. Policies and regulations applying to all graduate programs are established by the University Graduate Council. This information is in the [Northeastern University Graduate Catalog](http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir.html) and is available on line via these links:

- [http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir.html). For the most recent catalogue
- [http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir1516.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir1516.html). Specifically for the 2016/2017 academic year

The **PB-DPT Student Handbook** (*Handbook*) addresses program specific policies within the limits defined by the University. The policies contained in this Handbook are also consistent with, and extend, those stipulated by the [Bouvé College of Health Sciences Graduate Policies and Regulations](http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/pdf/grad-handbook.pdf), that is available via the “Graduate Handbook” link located at: [http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/pdf/grad-handbook.pdf](http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/pdf/grad-handbook.pdf)

This *Handbook* does NOT include all the information you need to know about your program of study and the policies of the College or the University. It is not intended to duplicate other University publications that are accessible to all students. Therefore, this manual in conjunction with other published materials is designed to guide students through the clinical doctoral studies in Physical Therapy at Northeastern.

Students should consult the aforementioned resources as well as any other pertinent PT department manual or expectations [i.e. *The Essential Functions for Northeastern University Physical Therapy Students*] as well as handbooks from cooperative and clinical education for general regulations, policies and procedures covering such matters as credit requirements, student responsibilities, code of conduct, academic and curricular life, faculty rights and responsibilities, personnel policies, benefits, and services. If any information contained in this booklet conflicts with the general University policy, then the University policy will prevail. The University reserves the right to change the information contained in this document.

It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the contents and to seek verification of an questions regarding the contents.
Missions, Visions & Core Values

Northeastern University

OUR MISSION

To educate students for a life of fulfillment and accomplishment.

To create and translate knowledge to meet global and societal needs.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a university that expands the meaning and impact of our engagement in the world using our knowledge and resources as positive forces for change in both our local communities and our global society.

This vision will be realized through offering students a transformative experience, grounded in experiential education that ignites their passion for learning while opening up for them the endless possibilities around them. We will assist our students in becoming engaged citizens of the world, confident and resourceful people who realize that their knowledge and action can have positive consequences for their own lives and for the lives of others.

This vision will be realized through interdisciplinary scholarship and translational research by which we will dynamically participate in addressing problems in our urban environment, in our region and across the globe. Northeastern strives to translate fundamental research into applications that will contribute to economic development and enhance societal well-being. Our collaborative approach will encompass partners in government and industry, and artists, innovators and scholars both inside and outside our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

Contribution

Northeastern seeks to contribute to the individual fulfillment of each member of the campus, to the welfare of the surrounding communities, and to solutions that will address global and societal needs.

Diversity

Northeastern celebrates diversity in all its forms and fosters a culture of respect that affirms inter-group relations and builds community.

Engagement

Northeastern promotes active engagement in teaching and learning, in scholarship and research, in the life of urban communities and with our alumni and friends.

Integrity

Northeastern pursues each of its activities and interactions with integrity, maintaining the highest ethical standards.

Opportunity

Northeastern provides opportunities to those who strive to overcome disadvantages and show great promise for future success.
**Bouvé College Mission**
To inspire/create the next generation of interprofessional healthcare leaders for the wellbeing of our global community

**Bouvé Vision**
We seek to embrace the diversity inherent in humanity and capitalize on our opportunity to educate students, and generate and disseminate new knowledge for the betterment of health and healthcare for people everywhere.

**Department of Physical Therapy, Movement & Rehabilitation Sciences - Mission Statement**
The Department of Physical Therapy, Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences’ mission is to impact the health and wellbeing of the global community by developing leaders in physical therapy, movement, and rehabilitation sciences through interprofessional experiential education, translational research and excellence in clinical practice.

**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education [CAPTE] Goals & Outcomes~**

**GOALS:**

*Students*: upon completion of the program graduates will:
1) Be clinically competent doctors of physical therapy that excel in patient-client management and are culturally competent
2) Exhibit professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning and use an evidenced based practice (EBP) approach

*Program*: The physical therapy education program will:
1) Increase and improve the research infrastructure.
2) Increase visibility and reputation of the program locally, nationally and globally.

*Faculty*: The faculty of the physical therapy education program will:
1) Support and facilitate teaching effectiveness
2) Support and promote scholarship and professional development of faculty

**STUDENT OUTCOMES:**

*Graduates of the DPT program are expected to:*
1) Practice autonomously in a competent, caring, culturally sensitive, safe, ethical, legal, reflective and professional manner.
2) Participate in the management of patient/family-centered physical therapy service delivery using EBP in the evolving health care environment.  
3) Demonstrate professional and social responsibility and commitment to lifelong learning, by participating in prevention, health education and wellness initiative locally, nationally and globally.  
4) Demonstrate effective written, verbal, technological and non-verbal communication skills in all professional settings.
The PB-DPT program at NU is a full time 3 year 7 month curriculum which is composed of:

- 5 full & 2 half summer semesters of didactic courses
- 6-months of co-operative education
- 3 clinical education rotations which begin in the summer of the 3rd year [rotations are 8, 14 & 14 weeks long]

In addition to the standard post-baccalaureate curriculum, there are two optional concentrations within the DPT curriculum – the Early Intervention; the Sports, Strength & Conditioning concentrations.

The **Early Intervention (EI)** concentration program is offered in conjunction with the Department of Applied Psychology. Satisfactory completion of this concentration provides physical therapy students with the requirements for provisional certification with advanced standing as an early intervention specialist. Through coursework and practicum experiences, students are prepared to work with infants and toddlers with known disabilities or those who are at risk for developmental delay and their families. The EI curriculum includes an additional four (4) didactic courses dispersed throughout the standard PB-DPT curriculum relative to Early Intervention (EI). The final clinical education experience is done in the EI arena by students who opt for this track. A sample of the most recent DPT/EI curriculum plan may be found in the appendix at the end of the Handbook.

The **Sports, Strength & Conditioning concentration** will prepare students of physical therapy to take the sports and conditioning certification examination and enhances the graduate’s ability to work with athletes in various venues from gyms to the athletic field improving collaboration with multiple medical disciplines. To earn this concentration students need to apply for the program and after admission successfully complete the following 4 didactic dispersed throughout the standard DPT curriculum and a clinical placement of 14 weeks or greater with a sports and orthopedic population. This clinical placement may be with an athletic population including youth/scholastic sports, collegiate athletics or professional athletes. Students in the Sports, Strength and Conditioning Concentration must also complete inpatient clinical education requirements. A sample of the most recent curriculum plan for this concentration may be found in the appendix at the end of the Handbook.

**Academic Advising**

Academic advising for all DPT students is conducted through the Bouve Office of Student Services located in 120 Behrakis Health Sciences Center. The advisor for PB-DPT students is Ms. Julie Nguyen ~ ju.nguyen@northeastern.edu

The role of the advisor is to assist the student in understanding the program requirements, curriculum, and university and college policies and procedures. The advisor will encourage and guide the student as they define and develop academic goals. The advisor will also monitor the student’s academic progression toward the successful completion of the Doctorate in Physical Therapy curriculum. The mechanisms of achieving the aforementioned objectives include:

- **Individual advising** regarding issues related to: program scheduling, registration, progression, difficulties in a course, etc. Your advisor will have walk-in hours and appointment blocks available for you. You can view the advisor’s availability through the Advisor Calendar tool in your myNEU portal. You can find instructions on how to do so here: http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/undergraduate/tools-resources/#myneu. Petitions are initiated as needed by the advisor for a variety of issues such as, but not limited to Leave of Absence, Directed Study, Academic Probation/ Contract Plan, and Incomplete Clearance Plans.

- **Group Advising** takes the form of group e-mails regarding class issues for a particular cohort, as well as e-mail reminders regarding course registration and other pertinent issues.

- **Individual student files** for each member within each cohort of PB-DPT graduating class are housed and maintained in an electronic file and notes system through the Office of Student Services.

**Special Department Events**
During the orientation students are introduced to the ‘P1’ faculty; meet upper class ‘PB-DPT’ students; are familiarized with the curriculum; given an overview of important University calendar dates; provided with an overview of departmental policies & procedures; provided with an overview of student financial services, university health & counseling services and participate in a librarian led Snell Library orientation session & have the opportunity to engage in a Q & A session.

- **The White Coat Ceremony:** Students are invited to attend this special event at the end of the Spring semester in year-1 where they are welcomed to the professional phase of the curriculum and the Physical Therapy profession. During the ceremony, students receive a professional white coat and collectively take the “Oath of the Physical Therapist”

**Student Responsibilities**

It is expected that all students conduct themselves in a professional and respectable manner throughout their tenure as members of the academic community in the process of pursuing the clinical doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. Each student is expected to be fully acquainted with both University and any specific College wide regulations and policies as noted in the Graduate Handbook and Bouvé Graduate Policies and Regulation handbooks cited under the Academic Standards section below. In addition, all students of Physical Therapy are to adhere to the department’s “The Essential Functions of Northeastern Physical Therapy Students” as well as the “Code of Ethics for Physical Therapist” and the “Physical Therapy Core Values”. (See Appendix)

**Academic Policies & Standards**

All students are expected to be familiar with both the Northeastern University Graduate Catalog and Bouvé College Graduate student handbooks. The Physical Therapy Department adheres to all policies and regulations as described in the graduate student handbooks. The most current edition of each of these documents are available on line via these hyperlinks:

- [http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir.html](http://www.northeastern.edu/registrar/catgraddir.html)

**Matriculation Requirements**

Each student is admitted into a class that will progress as a cohort through the PB-DPT curriculum. Satisfactory completion of all courses in each semester, based on the academic standards listed below, must be achieved in order for the student to progress within the curriculum. A copy of the PB-DPT curriculum is also available in the appendix of this Handbook.

**Directed Study Courses**

A student may not repeat or remediate a failed class through a directed study. Students who do not satisfactorily complete a course in program, are required to repeat the same professional course the next time the course is offered. Directed studies cannot replace a professional course or professional lab course. A student may enroll in a directed study only for purposes of furthering their learning on a specific content area, or as additional supplemental instruction as deemed appropriate by the faculty member and the Department of Physical Therapy, Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences’ chairperson.

**Grades**

**Minimum GPA Policy:**
- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater throughout their tenure in the PT program.

**“C” Grade Policy:**
- A grade of C (73-76) or better constitutes successful completion for each course of the PT curriculum. The grade of “C” or better is required for continued progression in the physical therapy program.
Failure to do adhere to either or both of the above required policies will result in an academic decision being rendered such as academic probation or dismissal from the program, pending the circumstances, conditions and decision of the departments Academic Standing Committee should the student appeal the decision.

**Grade Summary Table at the Graduate Level:**
The PB-DPT program adheres to the policy of Bouvé College & is as follows:

- Grading policies are the same as given in the general university undergraduate handbook.
- As a rule, grades are assigned and/or changed only by the course instructor.
- Student academic performance in the BCHS is graded according to the following criteria:

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<td>level expected for graduate work.</td>
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<td>Performance in the course is of minimal accepted caliber in the DPT curriculum</td>
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<td>Incomplete Coursework was not completed before the end of the semester.*</td>
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<td>Unsatisfactory Failure to complete satisfactory work in thesis, research practicum, or clinical practicum courses.</td>
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<td>Withdrawal Withdrawal from the course between the beginning of the fourth calendar week of the semester and the end of the eleventh calendar week of the semester.</td>
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*Incomplete are given only with prior approval of the instructor and a completion contract must be filed with the Bouvé Graduate Office (see Appendix 1 for Incomplete Contract). The coursework must be completed within one year of the end of the course, unless the course is not offered by the College/Program annually. Acceptance of any grade given after one year is at the discretion of the Associate Dean of the Bouvé Graduate School. Grades of “I” do not affect a student’s QPA. Unless there is written permission from their advisor, students may carry only two incompletes simultaneously, and may not enroll in further courses until they have completed the work for the incomplete course(s). These grades are to be given when course work will not be completed within the next semester.

**Requirements**
• The cooperative education assignment of the PB-DPT curriculum must be successfully completed in a physical Therapy or physical therapy related setting. Online discussion is an integral & required component of this rotation.

Clinical Education Requirements:
• All academic courses through the spring semester of the 3rd year of the curriculum must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in any of the Clinical Education courses
• A grade of “S” constitutes satisfactory completion in all Clinical Education courses
• Students must adhere to the clinical education policies & procedures detailed and available in the “Clinical Education Student Manual of the Physical Therapy Department” which will be provided for all P-Y 3 students enrolled in PT5226 – PT Professional Seminar II.

Degree Requirements:
• The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree will be conferred only on students who have successfully completed all didactic, clinical education and co-operative education requirements of the PB-DPT curriculum or its equivalent.

Licensure Requirements:
• Students who have successfully completed all requirements for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree are eligible to apply to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Licensure Examination.
• Students should contact the Board of Registration for Physical Therapy for the state in which they wish to be licensed and request the appropriate application materials needed

Academic Dismissal from Major
Students in the DPT program will be dismissed from their major effective the following academic semester for any of the reasons noted below

• Failure to earn a grade of C or better in a total of three professional courses, regardless of remediation. Within the Physical Therapy program, each specific professional course (with separate registration number) will be counted as a separate failure even if content is related. *(For example, a student earns a grade below C in Gross Anatomy, Kinesiology Lab, and MS 1 Lab, the student will be dismissed. This is regardless of the student having successfully met the terms of the probationary contracts outlined for the first two course failures.)*
• Failure to remediate a prior deficiency outlined within the probation contract within the agreed-upon timeframe.
• Failure to earn the minimum required grade (C) in the same course twice.
• Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 or higher during the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students will be dismissed if they are not eligible for a probationary status.
• Physical therapy students will be permitted only two (2) changes in year of Doctor of Physical Therapy graduation. Any additional changes to year of graduation will result in the student being dismissed from the program.
• In order to promote professionalism in the classroom, local and global communities and clinical settings, the Physical Therapy Program requires the demonstration of professional behaviors in accordance with the professional behaviors policy provided in the hand book (refer to previous link)” . Breach of adherence to these standards may result in dismissal from the program.
Students may request, through their academic advisor, to appeal to the chairperson of the Department’s Academic Standing committee to meet with the committee for an exception to the Academic Progression and Probation Policy for Professional Phase for Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program (Appendix Pg 13) for extenuating or capricious circumstances as provided in the student’s respective handbook. Please reference the Bouve Graduate Handbook for the procedure.

**Complaints and Issues that Fall Outside Due Process**

Any member of the public or Northeastern community, including but not limited to alumni, clinical education sites, students, faculty, and/or staff, may file a complaint that falls outside the realm of due process. Such complaints should be directed to the chairperson. The chairperson will also handle complaints filed through the University President’s office, Dean’s office, Office of Student Services and/or through clinical education faculty.

The chairperson will address all complaints, investigate the concern, propose a resolution and inform all parties involved. If the complaint is not resolved with the chairperson, the complaint may be sent to the Dean of Bouve College. A record of all complaints and any and all actions taken, if applicable, will be held on file in the Physical Therapy Department.
~APPENDIX~

NOTE: The most current versions of all petitions in the following pages may be found online at the Registrar’s or Bouve College websites

The Northeastern University 2016-17 Graduate Catalog is available online at:
http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/
For a Printed Copy of the University Catalog: A bound, printed copy of the 2016–2017 Northeastern University Graduate Catalog may be purchased from NU Reprographics. Please email nucopycenter@neu.edu for details. Note: This catalog does not contain course descriptions.
~ General Information ~

Technology
Northeastern University has two important online services that you will use as a student. MyNEU can be accessed from www.northeastern.edu at the bottom of the page. Blackboard can be accessed at www.blackboard.neu.edu. Here is an overview of these services.

MyNEU: Provides Internet and Intranet services including e-mail, personal calendars, event calendars, groups, etc. Your MyNEU e-mail account is the official communication tool between you and the University. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail for information from your program and from the university. Your LOGIN is your NEU username (LastName.FirstNameInitial for example: Smith. J). You can look up your username from the MyNEU homepage.

Blackboard Learning System: Blackboard is a Web-based software application which integrates online course materials with online communication tools. To access a Blackboard course site, you will need the following:

- Access to a computer equipped with an Internet connection and a Web browser (Mozilla Firefox 1.5 or higher, or Internet Explorer, version 6 or higher).
- An e-mail account with the ability to send and receive e-mail.
- Basic computer and web browsing skills, such as opening, closing, saving files and attachments.
- A Northeastern MyNEU account

Any questions? Please visit the InfoCommons in Snell Library, e-mail help@neu.edu or phone 617-373-4357(HELP).

For complete information, tutorials, system requirements, and help for these services as well as other technology related services, please click use this link http://www.northeastern.edu/infoservices/.

Evaluation of Courses, Instructors, and Program

The students evaluate all instructors and courses. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide constructive feedback to an instructor in areas in which a person does particularly well or in areas in which improvement is possible. These evaluations are used as part of an instructor's annual performance appraisal and/or the University's reappointment, promotion, and tenure process.

At the completion of the program, students will be asked to complete a Comprehensive Program Survey, which evaluates all aspects of the DPT program.

Financial Aid

Students who need information concerning grants, loans, and scholarships should consult the Financial Aid Office. All correspondence should be sent to:

Student Financial Services
354 Richards Hall
Graduate Phone: 617.373.5899
Fax: 617.373.8735
E-mail: sfs@neu.edu
Lab Safety Policy for Clinical Lab Space  
225, 405, 410, and 415 Behrakis

To ensure the safety of all users of the Clinical Lab Space in the Behrakis building, please become familiar with the following information.

Perform an observation of the lab space prior to your class. Lab Safety is the primary goal for the observation. Floor and equipment hazards are to be identified and reported.

- **In an Emergency** – Police, Fire, Medical – Call Campus Police at the emergency number (617) 373-3333. Please note your location and a call back number for accurate reporting.
  - For all routine issues, call Campus Police at (617) 373-2121.
  - For emergent floor/room hazards (water on the floor, ceiling tiles falling, etc.) call House and Grounds at (617) 373-2757.
  - For non-emergent maintenance concerns, please fill out an electronic work request form for facilities on myNEU.
  - For computer and AV-related issues, please call (617) 373-HELP.
  - AFI performs a yearly electrical safety assessment of the equipment. Each calibrated and assessed piece of equipment has a dated label. Before using any equipment, please make sure the dates are current.

At the end of each lab – please perform an observation for any issues that may have occurred during your class time. Please arrange the tables, chairs, and equipment for the next class.

**General Laboratory Safety Procedures for PT Labs**

**1.0 PROCEDURES**

1.1 All individuals engaged in research at Northeastern University must adhere to the university policies and procedures for conduct of research detailed by the NU Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) – [http://www.northeastern.edu/ehs/ehs-programs/general-safety/](http://www.northeastern.edu/ehs/ehs-programs/general-safety/)

1.1.1 Individuals conducting research in NU labs must complete the online laboratory research training modules specified by the Department Safety Officer (DSO). Please refer to the EHS website for access to training modules – [http://www.northeastern.edu/ehs/training/](http://www.northeastern.edu/ehs/training/)

1.1.2 Questions regarding lab safety policies and procedures should be forwarded to the NU OEHS staff at (617) 373-2796 or [ehs@northeastern.edu](mailto:ehs@northeastern.edu)

1.2 Laboratory Directors must provide a laboratory safety plan for their respective research units, detailing the types and specifications of equipment used and whether human subjects are involved. These plans must be approved by the DSO.

1.3 All researchers must be registered with EHS.

1.4 All laboratories must be locked and secured. Only authorized personnel are allowed to access labs.

1.5 The Department of Physical Therapy, Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences requires supervision of all students while conducting human subjects research in the labs.

1.6 The University Policy requires supervision of all visitors and undergraduate students while in research labs. A laboratory safety checklist should be completed by all Directors of PT Research Labs and submitted to PT Laboratory Safety Officer, Dr. Robert Sikes. A copy signed and dated should be maintained in the designated research space.
2.0 HUMAN SUBJECTS PROCEDURES

   2.1 Please refer to the NU IRB website for research involving human subjects located at:
          http://www.northeastern.edu/research/research_integrity/human_subjects/review_board/ This site
          describes the mission, process, and policies for research.
       2.2 The contact person for NU IRB (as of 4/23/11) is Nan Regina – email n.regina@neu.edu

3.0 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL: NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY POLICE AT:
8-333 or (617) 373-3333

   • Report your location and be specific about the nature of the emergency.
   • Emergency contact numbers, alone with laboratory safety data, are posted on every laboratory door.
     Complete an injury report form, located on EHS website.
   • If human subjects are injured, also complete NUIRB adverse events form, located on the NUIRB
     website noted above.
   • Notify the PT Laboratory Safety Officer and PT Department Chair as soon as possible, and within 24
     hours.

CONTACT LIST:

   • Dr. Robert Sikes, PT Laboratory Safety Office
     Email: r.sikes@northeastern.edu
     Telephone: (617) 373-5195
   • Dr. Maura Iversen, Chair
     The Department of Physical Therapy, Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences
     Email: m.iversen@northeastern.edu
     Telephone: (617) 373-5996
   • Jack Price, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Safety
     Email: j.price@northeastern.edu
     Telephone: (617) 373-2769
   • Department of Institutional Audit, Compliance and Risk Management
     http://www.ehs.neu.edu
**Bouve College of Health Sciences Graduate School**  
**General Petition Form**

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**Status change**: From (full or part) To (full or part) Effective Date

**Leave of Absence**: Date leave begins Return Date No. of leaves taken

*Students DO NOT go below this line. For Advisor’s and Chair’s signatures only.*

**CHANGE OF PROGRAM SIGNATURES**

(Print) Chair New Dept. (Signature) Chair New Dept. Date ___Approved ___Denied

(Print) Present Advisor (Signature) Date ___Approved ___Denied

**ADVISOR’S/CHAIR’S SIGNATURES FOR ALL OTHER PROGRAMS/REQUEST**

___Approved ___Denied ___Pre-Approved (final approval based on grade)

(Print) Advisor/Program Director (Signature) Date

**Graduate School Admission’s Office Representative only**

Final Action: ___Approved ___Denied ___Pre-Approved (based on final grade)

Comments

Signature________________ Date__________________

Graduate School Admission’s Office Representative

White-Grad Office

Yellow-Advisor

Pink Student

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Completed petitions with supporting documents (transcripts, course descriptions, etc., if needed), should be submitted in room 122 Behrakis Health Science Building after you have obtained your advisor/program director’s signature.
Bouvé College of Health Sciences/Graduate School
Directed Study Form

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND APPROVED PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.
You are responsible for:
*Registering for the course after it has been approved by your advisor and the Graduate Admission Office.
*Distributing copies to the appropriate advisors.

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Directed Study in __________________________

Student’s Name __________________________ NUID#

Address __________________________

Major __________________________ Date __________________________

1. Describe the Directed Study you propose to undertake.

   __________________________

2. Discuss ways in which this directed study will contribute to your program of studies.

   __________________________

3. Describe how this Directed Study will be evaluated.

   __________________________

Signature of Student __________________________

Approval of Directed Study Adviser __________________________

Approval of Student’s Program Adviser __________________________

Approval of Department Chair __________________________

COMMENTS: __________________________

( ) APPROVE     ( ) DISAPPROVE

Director of Graduate School __________________________ Date __________________________

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White Copy- Grad Office
Pink Copy- Student
Blue Copy- Program Advisor
Yellow Copy- Direct Study Advisor
Northeastern University
Bouvé College of Health Sciences Department of Physical Therapy
Student – Informed Consent and Release for Musculoskeletal Management I PT 5505 and PT5506

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Date: _________________________________________________________________

Consent to participate

As a student in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program, I hereby volunteer for and consent to the performance or practice upon me of any and all PT examination, tests, measurements and/or intervention techniques related to this class content and as part of my learning experience of this class.

This class content includes examination, tests and interventions for the hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, elbow and wrist. It includes special tests; therapeutic exercise, joint mobilization and high velocity thrust manipulation techniques.

I understand that there are risks of personal injury associated with these tests, measurements, and/or interventions, and I have agreed to assume the risks involved.

I understand that these tests, measurements, and/or interventions are being performed for the sole purpose of demonstration and practice and that they are not intended to be diagnostic or therapeutic for me personally.

I understand that the persons providing and/or performing the tests, measurements, and/or interventions will answer any inquiries I may have and that I am free to withdraw my consent and discontinue participation at any time.

I understand that my participation as a subject is voluntary and I understand that I am free to refuse/decline participation in this aspect of the lab or class without jeopardizing my outcome or grade in the class. I will notify the faculty/instructor of the class if for any reason I am unable to act in the capacity as a subject. This information will be held in confidence.

I affirm that I have answered fully and accurately all questions about my health asked by the individuals conducting this class and that I have disclosed all information concerning my health that is relevant to my participation in this class.

I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to follow the safety policy and procedures for the lab as outlined in the class syllabus. I furthermore understand that my instructors may update these policies verbally or in writing. Failure to follow these policies and/or any updates can/will result in my dismissal from the lab.

I hereby release Northeastern University, its faculty and students, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss, or damage arising from or in any way connected with the tests, measurements, and/or interventions identified above.

I affirm that I have read this Consent and Release and understand its contents.

Sign to indicate consent: ________________________________
Student – Informed Consent and Release for Musculoskeletal Management II PT 6224 and PT6223

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________

Consent to participate

As a student in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program, I hereby volunteer for and consent to the performance or practice upon me of any and all PT examination, tests, measurements and/or intervention techniques related to this class content and as part of my learning experience of this class.

This class content includes examination, tests and interventions for the cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine, sacroiliac region and temporomandibular joint. It includes special tests, therapeutic exercise, joint mobilization and high velocity thrust manipulation techniques.

I understand that there are risks of personal injury associated with these tests, measurements, and/or interventions, and I have agreed to assume the risks involved.

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Sign to indicate consent: __________________________________________________
Patient Information Release from

I, ____________________________, release information regarding my medical record to
______________________________, a student in the DPT program at Northeastern University.

I understand the information will follow HIPAA guidelines and maintain confidentiality of my information. This
information will only be used for a case discussion in the Differential Diagnosis class.

______________________________
Signature

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Date

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Signature

______________________________
Date

I, ____________________________, a student in the DPT program at Northeastern University, will follow
all HIPAA and confidentiality guidelines regarding this patient's medical information. The information will only be used
for educational purposes in the Differential Diagnosis class.

______________________________
Signature

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Date
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Northeastern University's Department of Physical Therapy may invite individual consumer consultants to participate as lab assistants and/or guest lecturers in PT _______ from time to time. The consultants may discuss sensitive matters that may be covered by privacy statutes such as HIPAA and/or University policy. As part of PT_______, there may be occasions in which you will have access to such confidential personal information, and/or become aware of certain confidential and sensitive matters. Information to which you have access in the course of your work in this class must be treated with the utmost confidentiality and not be shared with others. Individuals who may share personal information will be entrusting you with that information, and expect your sensitivity to this confidentiality. However, it is crucial that you be reminded as to the nature and scope of this confidentiality.

You must not discuss any confidential information received in or as part of this class. Transmittal of confidential information could adversely affect the University, its students, the credibility of this department and your studies.

Therefore, in consideration of my enrollment in PT__________, I agree:

1. Both during and after my enrollment in PT_______, I will hold the confidential information received therein in trust and confidence, and will not use or disclose it, directly or indirectly, except as may be necessary in the performance of my studies in PT_______ I understand that my disclosure of this information could be damaging to Northeastern and third parties.

2. I will not remove materials containing confidential information from the Department of Physical Therapy.

3. I will not engage in any conversation with anyone outside the Department of Physical Therapy (PT_______) about any confidential matters being presented in this class.

I understand that I am bound by this Agreement both during and after the completion of my enrollment at Northeastern University

_____________________________  ____________
(Signature)                        (Date)

STUDENT NAME [Please Print]
HUMAN ANATOMY LABORATORY PARTICIPATION

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: ___________________________ AGE: ______

Last  First  MI

STREET ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ______

DATE(s) OF ACTIVITY:

1. Risks/Safety: I acknowledge and agree that Northeastern University has advised me that no tests or procedures, except for embalming, have been performed to determine the existence of, or to neutralize, eliminate, or destroy any pathogenic, carcinogenic, teratogenic, caustic, toxic, or other hazardous or dangerous substances in any human cadavers or cadaver parts provided to me by the Northeastern University. I am in full recognition of, understand, and voluntarily accept any and all potential risks and hazards inherent in the handling and use of embalmed human cadavers and cadaver parts, including but not limited to the exposure to formaldehyde containing embalming solution.

2. Policy and Procedures: I have read, understand and agree to follow the safety policy and procedures for the human cadaver lab as outlined in the cadaver lab policies. I furthermore understand that these policies may be updated verbally or in writing by my instructors. Failure to follow these policies and/or any updates can/will result in my dismissal from the lab.

3. Release of Liability: I assume for myself and all those who may come in contact with such human cadavers or cadaver parts in the course of my use of them, all risk associated with such use. I do, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives release, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Northeastern University and its Trustees, officers, agents, faculty and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions or causes of action of any nature or kind by me or any other person or entity arising out of or resulting from my handling and use of human cadavers and/or cadaver parts from Northeastern University.

4. Fitness to Participate: I hereby represent that I am physically and mentally able to participate in the cadaver viewing and/or dissection and have no health concerns, including but not limited to latex allergies, respiratory ailments, chemical sensitivity or pregnancy, that would present a risk to me in participating in this activity or being in contact with anatomically embalmed cadavers.

5. Emergency Medical Treatment: I understand and agree that medical personnel is not available at the location of the activity. I understand and agree that in the event emergency medical treatment becomes necessary, I consent to and grant permission for my transport to medical treatment and authorize, consent, and grant permission for emergency medical treatment. Such actions, if any, shall be subject to terms of the release in paragraph 3 above. I understand and agree that the Releasee assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of, or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment and shall not be held responsible for nor shall I seek to hold them responsible for the same.
6. **Treatment of Cadaver:**
   a. I recognize and will respect the dignity and privacy owed to the human cadavers, and agree to treat the human cadaver parts with due respect consistent with the educational, research, or therapeutic use made of them, including, but not limited to, maintaining the confidentiality of the cadaver identity.
   b. Photographs of a body or any of its parts are not to be made for any reason without the express WRITTEN CONSENT of the Physical Therapy Department or the responsible person (Dr. Hey) designated by the institution.
   c. No action is to be made, public or private, that in any way will demean the human body. Conventional improprieties and any other manner of unprofessional or unethical conduct are strictly prohibited.

7. **Access to Cadaver:** While authorized students or others approved by the department or by the responsible person of an institution, have access to locations for body usage, such individuals do not have the authority in turn to grant admission or visitation privileges for guests not approved by the responsible person designated by the institution in advance. Only persons having legitimate purposes shall be granted admission or the privilege for usage.

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a legally-binding release of Northwestern University and understand and agree to all the above statements. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents and my signature below is voluntary.

Print Name: ____________________ Participant Signature: ____________________ Date: ________
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

INCOMPLETE GRADE: CLEARANCE PLAN

See back of form for procedures for clearing incomplete grades.

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Plan: Please indicate method agreed upon with instructor for clearing incomplete grade.

Date ___________________________ Student’s Signature ___________________________

Instructor’s Signature ___________________________

Received in Dean’s Office by: ___________________________

DISTRIBUTION:
WHITE: DEAN
BLUE: STUDENT
YELLOW: INSTRUCTOR

(over)
PROCEDURES FOR CLEARANCE OF “I” GRADES

BASIC COLLEGES

The University’s official policy since 1969 has been:

The period for clearing an “I” grade is restricted to one calendar year from the date it is first recorded on a student’s permanent record. (See, for example, the 1978-79 Student Handbook, page 26.)

Effective February 1, 1978, students will have available a new form, in triplicate, on which the precise arrangement for clearing an incomplete (I or X) grade can be specified and signed by the student and instructor.

To Clear an “I” Grade, a Student Should:
1. Obtain the form in Dean’s Office.
2. Make an appointment with the instructor to arrange for clearing the “I” grade.
3. Complete the form, sign the agreement, and obtain the signature of the instructor.
4. Leave a copy with the instructor and take one to the Dean’s office. Retain a copy as a personal receipt.
5. Exceptions to the one-year statutory limit must be approved by the Academic Standing Committee of the appropriate college. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such exceptions. A worthwhile reason for the delay should be offered, and support from the instructor and/or the respective department should be obtained.

Note: The Registrar’s office had been instructed not to process any change of “I” grades beyond the one-year statutory limit unless directed by the Academic Standing Committee.

6. Update of Policy
The period for clearing an “I” grade is restricted to one calendar year from the date it is first recorded on the student’s permanent record.*

For the student’s protection, the precise arrangements for the clearance of an “I” grade are specified on a form available from the Dean’s office of the student’s college. This form, in triplicate, is signed by the instructor and the student; one copy is retained by the student, one is left with the instructor, and one is filed with the Dean of the student’s college. With the adoption of the new form, it is no longer necessary for faculty members to take the initiative in filing an “I” Grade Report Form for each incomplete given. The new form contains essentially the same information.

Any student who wishes to clear an “I” grade received more than one year prior to the fall quarter 1979 may petition the Academic Standing Committee of the student’s college. The Registrar has been directed to make no exceptions to the one-year statutory limit except on the instructions of the Academic Standing Committee.

Commencing with grades given in the fall quarter of 1979, it is University policy that “I” grades outstanding for twelve or more months will remain permanently and irreversibly as an “I” grade on all records.**

*Reaffirmed by the Faculty Senate, October 17, 1977.
**Approved by the Faculty Senate, June 9, 1979.
Department of Physical Therapy Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences
Academic Standing Committee
Intention to Appeal Application

Students who have failed to meet the established progression policies as outlined in the University Catalog and respective Graduate or Undergraduate Student Handbook may appear before this committee in accordance with the Academic Appeal Policy outlined in the University Catalog and respective Graduate or Undergraduate Student Handbooks.

Instructions: Complete all sections of this form and include any supplemental information with this application (e.g. faculty or employer letters of recommendation). Your complete application for appeal must be received by your academic advisor and forwarded to the ASC committee 24 hours prior to the meeting to be considered.

1. Name and Email:

2. Phone Number:

3. Local Address:

4. Current Status in the DPT program: ☐ Graduate Student ☐ Undergraduate Student
   Year in the program ☐ Pre Professional (Undergraduate only) ☐ 1 PY ☐ 2 PY ☐ 3 PY ☐ 4 PY

5. Current GPA:

6. List any failed courses – preprofessional/professional course work

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7. Have you appeared before the Committee before? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, please explain.

8. Describe which progression policy that you violated (refer to the progression standards in the Bouvé Undergraduate Manual given to you on admission).

9. Which of the following steps (if any) did you take to remediated your exam/course deficiency?
   - Received email/FACT warning from instructor [ ] or academic advisor [ ]
   - Met with instructor [ ] academic advisor [ ] tutor [ ]
   - Obtained other counseling/guidance [ ]

10. In order to provide the ASC with additional information that may have contributed to your poor academic performance, please answer the following questions.
   a. Are you currently working? [ ] Yes ( ___ hrs/week) [ ] No
   b. How many hours per week do you study? [ ] Yes [ ] No
   c. Do you belong to a study group or do you routinely study with others? [ ] Yes [ ] No
   d. Are there any distractions which disrupt your concentration and make it difficulty for you to study and focus? [ ] Yes (explain in Q11) [ ] No
   e. Do you belong to any professional organizations, sororities, fraternities or athletic teams? [ ] Yes [ ] No
      If yes, state them:
   f. Do you have a leadership role in any of these organizations? [ ] Yes [ ] No

11. Please describe any additional extenuating circumstances (i.e. living situations, medical problems, family issues, etc.) that you feel may have contributed to your poor academic performance.

12. Briefly explain why you are coming before the Academic Standing Committee today. In other words, what are you requesting?

13. Given your current academic deficiency, please provide the Committee members with your specific plan to rectify the deficiency.
### Post Baccalaureate DPT Curriculum Plan: ~ effective for Class of 2020 [ent Sp 2017]

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| Accountability | Accountability is active acceptance of the responsibility for the diverse roles, obligations, and actions of the physical therapist including self-regulation and other behaviors that positively influence patient/client outcomes, the profession and the health needs of society. | 1. Responding to patient’s/client’s goals and needs.  
2. Seeking and responding to feedback from multiple sources.  
3. Acknowledging and accepting consequences of his/her actions.  
4. Assuming responsibility for learning and change.  
5. Adhering to code of ethics, standards of practice, and policies/procedures that govern the conduct of professional activities.  
6. Communicating accurately to others (payers, patients/clients, other health care providers) about professional actions.  
7. Participating in the achievement of health goals of patients/clients and society.  
8. Seeking continuous improvement in quality of care.  
9. Maintaining membership in APTA and other organizations.  
10. Educating students in a manner that facilitates the pursuit of learning. |
| Altruism | Altruism is the primary regard for or devotion to the interest of patients/clients, thus assuming the fiduciary responsibility of placing the needs of the patient/client ahead of the physical therapist’s self interest. | 1. Placing patient’s/client’s needs above the physical therapists.  
2. Providing pro-bono services.  
3. Providing physical therapy services to underserved and underrepresented populations.  
4. Providing patient/client services that go beyond expected standards of practice.  
5. Completing patient/client care and professional responsibility prior to personal needs. |
<p>| Compassion/Caring | Compassion is the desire to identify with or sense something of another’s | 1. Understanding the socio-cultural, economic, and psychological influences on the individual’s life in their environment. |</p>
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| Caring     | experience; a precursor of caring. Caring is the concern, empathy, and consideration for the needs and values of others. | 2. Understanding an individual’s perspective.  
3. Being an advocate for patient’s/client’s needs.  
4. Communicating effectively, both verbally and non-verbally, with others taking into consideration individual differences in learning styles, language, and cognitive abilities, etc.  
5. Designing patient/client programs/interventions that are congruent with patient/client needs.  
6. Empowering patients/clients to achieve the highest level of function possible and to exercise self-determination in their care.  
7. Focusing on achieving the greatest well-being and the highest potential for a patient/client.  
8. Recognizing and refraining from acting on one’s social, cultural, gender, and sexual biases.  
10. Attending to the patient’s/client’s personal needs and comforts.  
11. Demonstrating respect for others and considers others as unique and of value. |
| Excellence | Excellence is physical therapy practice that consistently uses current knowledge and theory while understanding personal limits, integrates judgment and the patient/client perspective, embraces advancement, challenges mediocrity, and works toward development of new knowledge. | 1. Demonstrating investment in the profession of physical therapy.  
2. Internalizing the importance of using multiple sources of evidence to support professional practice and decisions.  
3. Participating in integrative and collaborative practice to promote high quality health and educational outcomes.  
4. Conveying intellectual humility in professional and interpersonal situations.  
5. Demonstrating high levels of knowledge and skill in all aspects of the profession.  
6. Using evidence consistently to support professional decisions.  
7. Demonstrating a tolerance for ambiguity. |
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| Integrity        | Integrity is steadfast adherence to high ethical principles or professional standards; truthfulness, fairness, doing what you say you will do, and "speaking forth" about why you do what you do. | 9. Engaging in acquisition of new knowledge throughout one's professional career.  
10. Sharing one's knowledge with others.  
11. Contributing to the development and shaping of excellence in all professional roles. |
| Professional Duty| Professional duty is the commitment to meeting one's obligations to provide effective physical therapy services to patients/clients, to serve the profession, and to positively influence the health of society. | 1. Demonstrating beneficence by providing "optimal care".  
2. Facilitating each individual's achievement of goals for function, health, and wellness.  
3. Preserving the safety, security and confidentiality of individuals in all professional contexts.  
4. Involved in professional activities beyond the practice setting. |
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<td>3. Promoting social policy that affect function, health and wellness needs of patients/clients.</td>
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Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist

Preamble
The Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist (Code of Ethics) delineates the ethical obligations of physical therapist practitioners as determined by the House of Delegates of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The purposes of this Code of Ethics are to:
1. Define the ethical principles that form the foundation of physical therapist practice in patient/client management, consultation, education, research, and administration.
2. Provide standards of behavior and performance that form the basis of professional accountability to the public.
3. Provide guidance for physical therapists facing ethical challenges, regardless of their professional roles and responsibilities.
4. Educate physical therapists, students, other health care professionals, regulators, and the public regarding the core values, ethical principles, and standards that guide the professional conduct of the physical therapists.
5. Establish the standards by which the American Physical Therapy Association can determine if a physical therapist has engaged in unethical conduct.

No code of ethics is exhaustive nor can it address every situation. Physical therapists are encouraged to seek additional advice or consultation in instances where the guidance of the Code of Ethics may not be definitive.

This Code of Ethics is based on the five roles of the physical therapists (management of patients/clients, consultation, education, research, and administration), the core values of the profession, and the multiple realms of ethical action (individual, organizational, and societal). Physical therapist practice is guided by a set of seven core values: accountability, altruism, compassion/caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty, and social responsibility. Throughout the document, the primary core values that support specific principles are indicated in parentheses. Unless a specific role is indicated in the principle, the duties and obligations being delineated pertain to the five roles of the physical therapist. Fundamental to the Code of Ethics is the special obligation of physical therapists to empower, educate, and enable those with impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions, and disabilities to facilitate greater independence, health, wellness, and enhanced quality of life.

Principles

**Principle #1:** Physical therapists shall respect the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals.
(Core Values: Compassion, Integrity)

1A. Physical therapists shall act in a respectful manner toward each person regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, religion, ethnicity, social or economic status, sexual orientation, health condition, or disability.
1B. Physical therapists shall recognize their personal biases and shall not discriminate against others in physical therapist practice, consultation, education, research, and administration.

**Principle #2:** Physical therapists shall be trustworthy and compassionate in addressing the rights and needs of patients/clients.
(Core Values: Altruism, Compassion, Professional Duty)

2A. Physical therapists shall adhere to the core values of the profession and shall act in the best interests of patients/clients over the interests of the physical therapist.
2B. Physical therapists shall provide physical therapy services with compassion and caring behaviors that incorporate the individual and cultural differences of patients/clients.
2C. Physical therapists shall provide the information necessary to allow patients or their surrogates to make informed decisions about physical therapy care or participation in clinical research.

2D. Physical therapists shall collaborate with patients/clients to empower them in decisions about their health care.
2E. Physical therapists shall protect confidential patient/client information and may disclose confidential information to appropriate authorities only when allowed or as required by law.

**Principle #3:** Physical therapists shall be accountable for making sound professional judgments.
(Core Values: Excellence, Integrity)

3A. Physical therapists shall demonstrate independent and objective professional judgment in the patient's/client's best interest in all practice settings.
3B. Physical therapists shall demonstrate professional judgment informed by professional standards, evidence (including current literature and established best practice), practitioner experience, and patient/client values.
3C. Physical therapists shall make judgments within their scope of practice and level of expertise and shall communicate with, collaborate with, or refer to peers or other health care professionals when necessary.
3D. Physical therapists shall not engage in conflicts of interest that interfere with professional judgment.
3E. Physical therapists shall provide appropriate directions of and communication with physical therapist assistants and support personnel.
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS

PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS
Physical therapy students must be able to perform, with or without reasonable accommodations, each of these essential functions in order to fully participate in our program and successfully complete the requirements for the DPT.

Cognitive Functions
1. Comprehend, integrate and analyze complex information from the liberal arts, basic sciences, mathematics, psychological and clinical sciences and apply this information to professional course work.
2. Comprehend, integrate, analyze and apply information from written materials, demonstrations, lectures, class discussions, laboratory practice sessions, and real and simulated patients.
3. Effectively utilize information obtained from classroom, laboratory and experiential learning, and written materials to create interventions for real and simulated patients.
4. Access, critique and analyze information from the professional literature, clinical experience and patient preferences to provide evidence-based interventions.
5. Educate others including but not limited to: patients, students, colleagues, peers, the general public/community groups and other health professionals in a variety of venues using appropriate teaching and learning methods.
6. Determine the physical therapy needs of any patient with movement dysfunction.
7. Properly document physical therapy assessment, plan of care and produce any other documents necessary for any patient receiving physical therapy services.
9. Demonstrate management skills including strategic planning, organizing, supervising, delegating, managing resources, and adhering to legal/regulatory requirements.
10 Evaluate patient or community needs and create programs of prevention and health promotion in a variety of client populations and settings.
11. Advocate for patients and members of the community to improve access to health care and health outcomes.
12. Analyze the impact and influence of lifestyle, socioeconomic class, culture, beliefs, race, and abilities of patients and colleagues to develop appropriate and effective interventions.
13. Identify and analyze factors which affect the overall health of society, its healthcare policies, access, delivery and quality.
14. Assess environmental and personal factors that serve as facilitators or barriers to full community participation based on patient’s goals.
15. Screen for psychosocial factors that affect patient function such as substance abuse, domestic violence and psychiatric conditions, and provide appropriate interventions.
16. Provide interventions for patients/clients and the community at large that is culturally appropriate and respectful of their preferences.

Affective and Communication Functions
1. Establish professional, respectful, empathic relationships with individuals from a variety of lifestyles, cultures, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds and abilities, based on mutual trust.
2. Develop and maintain effective working relationships with professional colleagues, peers, patients/clients, families, and the general public.
3. Work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
4. Effectively communicate with patients, families, colleagues and others by providing information that is appropriate for their culture, level of knowledge, and health literacy.
5. Identify the psychosocial impact of movement dysfunction and disability on the client and family; integrate these needs into all patient intervention or personal interactions.
6. Meet externally imposed deadlines and time requirements.
7. Effectively and consistently manage personal stress and the stress of others.
8. Effectively attend to people, information, and tasks in a complex, highly stimulating environment.
9. Practice in a safe, ethical, and legal manner, following guidelines as established by federal, state, and local law, the University, clinical facilities, the APTA, and related professional organizations.


11. Accept responsibility for the consequences of one’s own actions.

12. Respond to medical crisis and emergencies in a calm, safe, and professional manner.

13. Speak and write effectively in English to convey information to other individuals and groups.

14. Understand and interpret the verbal, non-verbal, and written communications of others and respond in an appropriate, professional manner.

15. Place the needs of the patient before the needs of the therapist.

**Psychomotor Functions**

1. Safely, reliably, and efficiently perform appropriate physical therapy procedures to examine the functional skills and abilities of patients with motor dysfunction across the lifespan consistent with currently established best practices.

2. Safely, reliably, and efficiently perform physical therapy interventions consistent with currently established best practices for patients across the lifespan.

3. Effectively and consistently practice standard precautions.

4. Effectively perform CPR and emergency first aid.

5. Read instructions, manipulate and operate physical therapy equipment and monitoring devices.

6. Demonstrate appropriate body mechanics and react safely and appropriately to sudden or unexpected movements of patients.

7. Demonstrate the ability to work in an environment that requires physical activity and mobility in a way that does not compromise patient or therapist safety.

Revised August, 2011

PHYSICAL THERAPY COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

CO-OP COMPETENCIES

Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, based on State Regulation, the services performed by the cooperative education student* during the work experience are commensurate with their level of education and training and must be performed under the direct supervision of a physical therapist. Direct supervision is defined as a process by which a supervisor is on the premises and available to provide supervision in the form of aid, direction, and instruction when procedures or activities are performed.

*If the co-op student is not a DPT student, they may only perform the duties of a PT Aide. See PT Aide Description included in Massachusetts regulation 259 CRM 5.00, which can be found at:


I have read, understand and agree to the parameters of the PT Co-op Student Competencies in the state of Massachusetts outlined in this document.

PT Co-op Employer Signature: _______________________________________ Date: ___________

Co-op Student Signature: ________________________________ Date: ___________

Pre-professional Program Co-op:*

*The Pre-Professional Co-op occurs during the undergraduate phase of the PT program at which point students have completed foundational courses that include training in the specific activities included below.

PT Co-op Students should be able to:

1. Participate as part of an interprofessional healthcare team.
2. Distinguish and describe the roles of physical therapists and other members of the health care team.
3. Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors and clinical skills commensurate with educational level of student with all members of the health care team.
4. Take vital signs and respond appropriately to findings.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in the performance of active, passive, isometric, and strengthening exercises under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
6. Describe the possible complications of bedrest and understand the implications.
7. Perform safe transfers and demonstrate correct body mechanics with all activities.
8. Define and use appropriate medical terminology during all professional communications, document patient treatments as allowed by the state practice acts or as designated by third party payers.
9. Measure patients for an assistive ambulation device and demonstrate skill in ambulation instruction.
10. Adhere to the regulations regarding infection control and the OSHA regulations to minimize exposure to blood borne pathogens.
11. Describe safety procedures needed when working with patients with cognitive, sensory, perceptual deficits and medical precautions.
12. Recognize ethical issues and situations that require the student to problem solve and respond appropriately by informing the direct supervisor at the site. If this report does not result in appropriate action, the student must report the situation to the NU Co-op Coordinator.
14. Adhere to HIPPA regulations.
15. Respect individual and cultural differences.
16. Perform basic soft tissue mobilization techniques.
17. Safely use the following modalities: Ultrasound, Electrical Stimulation, Biofeedback, Hydrotherapy, Hydrocollator Packs, and Cryotherapy.

Professional Program Co-op:*

**The Professional Program co-op occurs during the graduate phase of the PT program at which point students have completed foundational and PT skill level courses that have prepared them to practice the additional skills identified in items 4, 6, 8, 11, and 15 included below.

The items which are bolded are expansions of skills from the Pre-Professional Co-op.

1. Participate as a member of the interprofessional health care team based on state and regulatory practice acts.
2. Distinguish and describe the roles of physical therapists and other members of the health care team.
3. Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors, communication and clinical skills commensurate with educational level of student with all members of the health care team.
4. **Synthesize information regarding health status and respond appropriately.**
5. Demonstrate proficiency in the performance of active, passive, isometric, and strengthening exercises under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
6. **Identify the possible complications of bedrest and demonstrate appropriate techniques for prevention and intervention.**
7. Perform safe transfers and demonstrate correct body mechanics with all activities.
8. Define and use appropriate medical terminology during verbal and written communication, and document patient treatments in the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice Format as utilized by a specific facility and as allowed by the state practice acts and the third party payers.
9. Measure patients for an assistive ambulation device and demonstrate skill in ambulation instruction.
10. Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of infection control techniques and adhere to OSHA regulations to minimize exposure to blood borne pathogens.
11. **Utilize appropriate safety procedures needed when working with patients with cognitive, sensory, perceptual deficits and medical precautions and adapt interactions**
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259 CMR 5.00: Physical Therapists

**Source:** [http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/ah/regulations/rules-and-regulations/259-cmr-500.html#5.01](http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/ah/regulations/rules-and-regulations/259-cmr-500.html#5.01)

**Physical Therapy Aide.** A person not licensed in physical therapy who works under the direct supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. This individual may also be known as a rehabilitation aide or some other similar title.

**Physical Therapy Aides.** Activities which may be performed by physical therapy aides under appropriate supervision are restricted to:
(a) follow-up of functional and ambulation activities;
(b) follow-up of routine specific exercises;
(c) application of superficial heat and cold; and
(d) non-treatment related activities such as secretarial and housekeeping, transporting patients and preparation for treatment. These activities may be performed under the supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
Date: March 25, 2013
To: Bouvè Faculty, Staff and Students
Re: Physical Therapist Student Terminology

The Physical Therapy Department has decided to adopt the following academic terminology to be used when referring to students within our program. Adoption of this terminology will provide alignment with the terminology used by the Accreditation Council for Physical Therapy Education and most professional organizations/associations and other U.S. colleges/schools of Physical Therapy.

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While Northeastern University may refer to the students by year (i.e., third-year, fourth-year, etc.), we strongly encourage students to refer to themselves using the respective professional year (PY1, PY2, etc.) when interacting with individuals in other physical therapy programs and national organizations.

Northeastern University’s policy on academic terminology states “Avoid referring to current students using alumni construction of college designation and year of graduation” (e.g., PT’14). In addition, the Physical Therapy Department recommends that students use the following designation, ‘Physical Therapist Student’, as their title in signature lines on emails, presentations, or professional documents. You may, if you wish, denote your anticipated year of graduation, but it is not necessary to do so until you are close to graduation and seeking employment or post-graduate residencies/fellowships or graduate school. Students who have earned the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Studies degree (conferred at the end of the PY3 year for undergraduates), may use ‘BS’ (preferred), ’BS in Rehabilitation Science’ or ‘Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science’, but must not refer to the degree as ‘BS PT’, ‘BPT’ or ‘BS in Physical Therapy’.

In accordance with the university’s policy and the Department of Physical Therapy’s recommendations, the following terminology should not be used:

- DPT Candidate
- DPT Candidate, Class of 2014
- Doctor of Physical Therapy Candidate
- DPT ‘14
- DPT Candidate ‘14
- PT ‘14

Accepted terminology to be used by students, faculty and staff when referring to students:

- Physical Therapist Student (always appropriate)
- SPT