

TO: Senate Council

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**RE: Request for modification of Academic Calendar: Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)**

We request approval for a nonstandard academic calendar for the Fall 2020 semester to 8/17/2020 through 12/18/2020, with grades due no later than 12/21/2020 for the following courses:

PT 651 DYSFUNCT VERTEBR JOINTS  
PT 652 PATHOMECHANICS  
PT 655 NEUROMOTOR DEVELOPMENT  
PT 676 ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TESTING & THERAPEUTICS  
PT 770 SEM PHYSICAL THERAPY PUB HLTH & WELLNESS  
PT 804 BEHAV FACTORS HEALTH & DISEASE LIFESPAN  
PT 825 PROSTHETICS  
PT 826 ORTHOTICS  
PT 827 SPINAL CORD INJURY  
PT 831 CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY  
PT 834 INTRO TO PHYSICAL THERAPY AND BIOETHICS  
PT 835 PHYSICAL THERAPY INTEGRATED CLINICAL I  
PT 838 INTERMEDIATE FULL-TIME CLINICAL II  
PT 840 TERMINAL FULL-TIME CLINICAL IV  
PT 854 PATH & CLINICAL APPLICATION  
PT 887 INTRO TO PHYS THER MGMT

This is a one-time request for modification of the University Senate approved Academic Calendar to a nonstandard calendar for these courses. The included attachment also lists sections of these courses that are scheduled for Fall 2020.

**Rationale:** The Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) requires physical therapy students complete a minimum of 30 weeks of full time clinical experiences prior to graduation and demonstrate they are entry-level practitioners with experiences in an appropriate variety of clinical facilities that represent common areas of physical therapy practice. Thus, students must prepare and demonstrate knowledge/skill proficiency before entering clinical placements and successfully complete those placements according to CAPTE's expectations. The semester's schedule is very dense and the curriculum is lock-step as skill and knowledge are developed sequentially. We are unable to further compress the program and accreditation requirements into a fewer number of weeks in the semester. Mastery of this material sets a foundation for clinical and future didactic learning for each DPT cohort and is essential so that students are prepared to begin their clinical training in the Spring 2021 semester and continue to progress to degree. A nonstandard calendar is requested for DPT students (classes of 2022 and 2023) so that they may have in-class applied instruction to synthesize the semester's learning and complete their in-class practical exams. DPT third year students will also be on-site in their accreditation required clinical experiences until Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. This change will allow for continued progression to degree that meets accreditation standards and is allowed by the University's Playbook. We also request a grade submission deadline of December 21<sup>st</sup> for the above courses so that all student work can be assessed and included.

***The proposed nonstandard calendar for Fall 2020 semester does not have the potential to violate SR 5.2.2, specifically in relation to student load.*** Thank you for your let us know if you have questions.

**DPT Attachment: All sections of DPT Courses for Non-standard Calendar Request Fall 2020**

PT 651	Section 201	DYSFUNCT VERTEBR JOINTS
PT 651	Section 501	DYSFUNCT VERTEBR JOINTS
PT 652	Section 501	PATHOMECHANICS
PT 652	Section 201	PATHOMECHANICS
PT 655	Section 201	NEUROMOTOR DEVELOPMENT
PT 655	Section 501	NEUROMOTOR DEVELOPMENT
PT 676	Section 501	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TSTNG& THERAPEUTICS
PT 676	Section 201	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TSTNG& THERAPEUTICS
PT 770	Section 501	SEM PHYSICAL THERAPY PUB HLTH & WELLNESS
PT 770	Section 201	SEM PHYSICAL THERAPY PUB HLTH & WELLNESS
PT 804	Section 501	BEHAV FACTORS HEALTH & DISEASE LIFESPAN
PT 804	Section 201	BEHAV FACTORS HEALTH & DISEASE LIFESPAN
PT 825	Section 501	PROSTHETICS
PT 825	Section 201	PROSTHETICS
PT 826	Section 501	ORTHOTICS
PT 826	Section 201	ORTHOTICS
PT 827	Section 501	SPINAL CORD INJURY
PT 827	Section 201	SPINAL CORD INJURY
PT 831	Section 501	CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
PT 831	Section 201	CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
PT 834	Section 501	INTRO TO PHYSICAL THERAPY AND BIOETHICS
PT 834	Section 201	INTRO TO PHYSICAL THERAPY AND BIOETHICS
PT 835	Section 501	PHYSICAL THERAPY INTEGRATED CLINICAL I
PT 835	Section 001	PHYSICAL THERAPY INTEGRATED CLINICAL I
PT 838	Section 001	INTERMEDIATE FULL-TIME CLINICAL II
PT 838	Section 501	INTERMEDIATE FULL-TIME CLINICAL II
PT 840	Section 001	TERMINAL FULL-TIME CLINICAL IV
PT 840	Section 501	TERMINAL FULL-TIME CLINICAL IV
PT 854	Section 501	PATH & CLINICAL APPLICATION
PT 854	Section 201	PATH & CLINICAL APPLICATION
PT 887	Section 501	INTRO TO PHYS THER MGMT
PT 887	Section 201	INTRO TO PHYS THER MGMT