

**Department of Physical Therapy  
Program Student Learning Outcomes**

By graduation from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program:

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to formulate a differential diagnosis regarding a patient and judge if a patient is appropriate for physical therapy evaluation and treatment. Students will recognize “red flags” in patient care and manage them appropriately.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to design, implement, modify and progress a client management program for a client in any of the four physical therapy practice patterns: cardiopulmonary, neuromuscular, musculoskeletal and integumentary.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to select and provide patient and family education regarding the physical therapy intervention and the patient’s pathology.
4. Students will demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with the APTA core values, and propose a mechanism for continuation of these behaviors after graduation.
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to access, apply and evaluate the scientific evidence related to patient cases and physical therapy questions.
6. Students will demonstrate knowledge and application of laws and ethics related to Physical Therapy practice and integrate this knowledge into patient management.
7. Students will recognize, analyze and respond to changes in the Healthcare environment.
8. Students will demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills.

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