# Student Learning Outcomes: USC Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

### **Program Outcomes**

Practice as licensed practitioners of physical therapy.

# **Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

- **a.** Students pass the National Physical Therapy Examination after graduation.
- b. Students are fully employed within 6 months of graduation.

# **Sequence of Assessment Measures**

Pass rate: National Physical Therapy Examination.

**Employment** Rate: Assessed 6-12 months after graduation.

# **Program Outcomes**

Demonstrate the ability to practice in a direct access environment.

### **Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

- **a.** Students will demonstrate independence in clinical skills required for direct access in 3rd year academic courses.
- **b.** Students will demonstrate independence in clinical skills required for direct access in terminal 3rd year clinical experience.

### **Sequence of Assessment Measures**

- **a.** Passing grade in 3rd year academic courses requires competence in direct access skills.
- i. PT 632 Integrated Patient Management Seminar
- ii. PT 630 Integrated Patient Management Clinical Skills
- iii. PT 642a/b Hybrid Integrated Patient Management Seminar
- iv. PT 640a/b Hybrid Integrated Patient Management Clinical Skills
- **b.** All students will demonstrate independence in these skills as measured by the Clinical Performance Instrument and by interviews with 3rd year clinical instructors.
- i. PT 660 16-week Terminal Clinical Education Experience
- ii. PT 665 16-week Terminal Full-Time Clinical Education Experience
- iii. PT 670a/b Hybrid Advanced Clinical Experience with Academic Integration (13 weeks)

### **Program Outcomes**

Demonstrate core professional behaviors and a commitment to lifelong learning

# **Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

- **a.** Students will demonstrate professional behaviors during their time on campus when taking academic courses.
- **b.** Students will demonstrate professional behaviors in clinical experiences.
- **c.** Graduates will demonstrate professional behaviors in their first year after graduation.

### **Sequence of Assessment Measures**

- **a.** Professionalism is monitored and developed in all courses with particular focus in clinical management courses:
- i. PT 521L Basics of Patient Management
- ii. PT 621L Clinical Management of Patients with Musculoskeletal Dysfunction
- iii. PT 571L Clinical Management of Patients with Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction
- iv. PT 581L Clinical Management of Patients with Neurologic Dysfunction

#### **Program Outcomes**

Demonstrate excellence in enhancing the movement ability and participation of individuals of various race, cultures, and socioeconomic status across the lifespan.

### **Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

- **a.** Students will demonstrate competence in managing patients across the lifespan, while being culturally sensitive.
- **b.** Graduates will demonstrate competence in managing patients across the lifespan, while being culturally sensitive.

# **Sequence of Assessment Measures**

- a. Successful completion of coursework with particular emphasis in:
- i. PT 561d Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- ii. PT 529 Lifespan Motor Control
- **b.** All students will demonstrate clinical skill and cultural competence as measured by the Clinical Performance Instrument and interviews with Clinical Instructors.
- i. PT 600b 6-week Clinical Education Experience
- ii. PT 6ood 8-week Clinical Education Experience
- iii. PT 660 16-week Terminal Clinical Education Experience
- iv. PT 665 16-week Terminal Full-Time Clinical Education Experience
- v. PT 670a/b Hybrid Advanced Clinical Experience with Academic Integration (13 weeks)
- **c.** Reports from employers should be consistent with graduates demonstrating clinical skill and cultural competence. Reports from employers are collected through intermittent focus groups.

### **Program Outcomes**

Practice as clinicians who incorporate principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice.

# **Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

- **a.** Students will demonstrate that they understand principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice in their sequence of four evidence-based academic courses.
- **b.** Students will demonstrate that they incorporate principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice during their clinical experiences.
- c. Graduates will demonstrate incorporation of principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice in their first year after graduation.

# **Sequence of Assessment Measures**

- **a.** Passing grade in academic EBP courses demonstrates understanding of principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice.
- i. PT 561a Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- ii. PT 561b Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- iii. PT 561c Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- iv. PT 561d Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- v. PT 561e Evidence for Physical Therapist Practice
- **b.** All students will demonstrate incorporation of principles of evidence-based and patient-centered practice as measured by CPI and interviews with Cis.
  - i. PT 600b 6-week Clinical Education Experience
  - ii. PT 6ood 8-week Clinical Education Experience
  - iii. PT 660 16-week Terminal Clinical Education Experience
  - iv. PT 665 16-week Terminal Full-Time Clinical Education Experience
- v. PT 670a/b Hybrid Advanced Clinical Experience with Academic Integration (13 weeks)
- **c.** Graduate behavior with respect to evidence-based practice is assessed via survey 6-12 months after graduation and by intermittent focus group interviews with employers.