

**The College of
Mount St. Joseph
will be the first
private school in
Ohio to offer a
DPT Program!**

Clinical Dates Summer 2005

Class of 2005

Internship 3

May 16-June 24

Internship 4

June 27-August 19

Class of 2006

Internship 1

May 16-June 24

Internship 2

June 27-August 19

Program News

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visited October 18-19, 2004, to evaluate our proposed DPT program and the Commission for Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) visited January 23-26, 2005 to evaluate the program for re-accreditation.

As of February 23, 2005, we are proud to share that we had a good visit by all the authorization organizations. The HLC met in early February and the OBR met in late January. We have received the final letter of approval for the DPT from the HLC and a letter from the OBR indicating that we may begin start-up activities. The final OBR approval will not come until after their next meeting in March. At this time we anticipate authorization from the OBR for the entry-level DPT as well as approval to begin offering the MPT to DPT degree exclusively to Mount graduates in September 2005, and to begin offering our entry-level DPT in May 2006.

We will hold an informational meeting to outline the MPT to DPT curriculum for interested MPT graduates on Monday, March 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Corona Room at the College of Mount St. Joseph. If you will be attending the meeting, please R.S.V.P. with Donna Panzeca by calling 244-4890. You can also contact Donna if you are unable to attend but would like more information. There is flexibility built into the MPT-DPT curriculum, allowing students to work while taking classes.

We also had a good site visit with CAPTE. The site team provided us with insight for future curricular decisions. The MPT-DPT program is on CAPTE's April meeting agenda, so we'll inform you of our re-accreditation results after April.

The administration and faculty owe a tremendous amount of thanks to all the members of the PT community who gave of their time and made the visits a success:

Mount PT Students: Teena Denton, Jeff Krechting, Linda Rechten, Jessica Biedenbender, Sara Hagedorn, Shannon Turner, Jamie Bayliss, Kerri Ketterer, Marci Walicki, Eric Schneider, Matt Hull, Laura Miller, Jesse Neiheisel, Christy Brassfield, Justin Schaedle Erin Edge, Katie Stroub, Christina Nemec, Allison Reid, Julie Fisher, Brandon Bentley, Robert Hammergren, and Robin Stoneburner.

Mount PT Graduates: Jennifer Evans, Chris Chirumbolo, Matt Ernst, Tom Ernst, Greg Homoelle, Christen Peters, and Sara Steinbrunner.

Employers: Alan Howell, Mike Shannon, John Mueller, Amy Paliobagis, and Craig Schmidt.

Clinical Instructors: Jim Walro, Carolyn Shisler, Sarah King, Karen Schraffenberger, and Meg Gleim.

Adjunct Professors: Julie Jordan, Jeanine Gunn, Duane Brus, Matt Ernst, and Tom Ernst.

Clinical Education

Our clinical internships for 2005 are set to begin in May. We have also added mini-clinical experiences for our students in the areas of acute care, neurological rehabilitation and orthopedics. Thanks to all of the facilities and staff who assisted us with this endeavor. We have received great feedback from both students and clinicians that the mini-clinicals enhance the clinical learning and improve performance in the full-time clinicals. **Tonya Apke, PT, OCS, ACCE** is completing a study to formally assess the efficacy of the mini-clinicals.

Continuing Education

Lisa Dehner, PT, PhD and **Karen Holtgreffe, PT, MHS, OCS** will begin a continuing education course series focusing on the evaluation and treatment of general medical patients. The annual courses will be offered at a discount to clinical instructors of Mount PT students. The first course in the series will occur on March 12, 2005, and will focus on patients with cardiac dysfunction. We thank the Southwest district of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) for co-sponsoring the March course.

Lisa Dehner, PT, PhD has been invited to present at the Middletown Regional Hospital Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy Symposium, July 21-23, 2005. Lisa will be conducting breakout sessions on topics related to pharmacology in the outpatient population.

Carolyn Kisner, PT, MS along with **Stephanie Carter, PT, PhD** will be presenting a continuing education course titled "Spinal Stabilization," on Saturday, October 1, 2005, from 8:00-5:00 p.m. at the Mount. Call Donna Panzeca at 244-4890 for more information.

Faculty News

Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, SCS, PhD will present her research on information literacy at the Ohio Digital Commons Education Conference on March 8, 2005. Mary received a grant for her work from the Bowling Green University-Kent State University Ohio Learning Network. Mary is also presenting "An Ethic of Care in Clinical Education" at Elon University to the Carolina Clinical Educators' Conference on March 18, 2005.

Marsha Eifert-Mangine PT, ATC, MEd, Nick Papania, PT ('03) and Hetal Desai, PT ('03) presented the poster "Test-Retest Reliability of the Biodex Gait Trainer." The poster is the completion of Nick and Hetal's student research project. You can read their abstract at <http://apta-csm.abstractcentral.com/viewer>.

Tonya Apke, PT, OCS, ACCE will be awarded her DPT degree from The Arizona School of the Health Sciences on March 12, 2005.

Student News

The *Cincinnati Enquirer* Editorial Board recently developed the "Healthy Children, Healthy Future" series as a way to encourage awareness and action toward the escalating health crisis of childhood obesity. In response, Habilitation Services Inc. offered free fitness screenings for children. The response was so great, that the therapists were overwhelmed. The **PT class of 2005**, along with Program Director **Mary Romanello, PT, ATC, SCS, PhD** came to the rescue and joined Habilitation Services to help with the fitness screens at Our Lady of the Rosary school. The Mount students demonstrated appropriate stretching techniques for the children and served as role models and cheerleaders for healthy lifestyles.

Several students from the PT class of 2005 are conducting research projects:

Erin Ankenman and **Cari Rave** are pursuing a project titled "Physical fitness Testing in Schools: How are the Results Utilized?"

Jamie Bayliss and **Amy Ballman** are working on a project titled "The Relationship between Range of Motion Abnormalities and Low Back Pain in Amateur Golfers."

Jessica Biedenbender is working on a survey to investigate "The Utilization of Practice Guidelines for Burn Care among Burn Centers in the United States."

Seven students from the PT class of 2005 attended the National Student Conclave in Charlotte, NC, October 22-24, 2005. The students will be presenting information from the Conclave to the campus community on Thursday, April 14, as a part of the Mount's Celebration of Teaching and Learning.



Students from the PT Class of 2005 at the National Student Conclave with legendary PT, Florence Kendall. From left, Sara Hagedorn, Jaime Bayliss, Jennifer Bridwell, Erin Ankenman, Florence Kendall, Shannon Turner, Joann Tippenhauer, and Jeff Kreckting.

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