

The Mount's inaugural EL-DPT class will begin course work in June 2006!

EL-DPT Admission Timeline

- **September 1:** First priority applications were due. We will continue to accept and review applications through October, however those received will be given a lower priority rating.
- **October:** Physical Therapy program offers selected candidates on-campus interviews.
- **November/December:** Candidate interviews held at the Mount, November 18 through December 2.
- **January 15:** Letters of acceptance are mailed to selected candidates.
- **February 15:** Deadline for selected candidates to accept admission.

Program News

As we shared in the last newsletter, the Mount PT program had three accreditation site visits last year. We are proud to report success on all three. The Commission for Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) has awarded the PT program continuing accreditation through the year 2014.

Additionally, the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) have approved our Entry Level Doctor of Physical Therapy program (EL-DPT) and the inaugural class of 2009 will begin course work in mid-June 2006.

Application to the EL-DPT program is now under way. Selected students will participate in on-site interviews and complete a writing sample as a part of the admission process. The complete EL-DPT admission timeline can be found in the left column.

Additional details on admission to the EL-DPT program and contact information can be found at www.msj.edu/academics/majors/graduate/phystherapy or by calling (513) 244-4890.

Throughout the existence of the Physical Therapy program, we have been fortunate to have excellent support from the Greater Cincinnati physical therapy community. We would like to acknowledge those clinicians that have served on our External Advisory Board. Special thanks go to:

- Physical therapists: Alan Howell, Robert Mangine, Aaron Dragone, Sean Apke, Barb Nolte, Mike Shannon, Linda Towne, and Peter Towne.
- Mount PT alumni: Emily Walborn, Sara Steinbrunner, Kyle Schumm, Tara Meyer, Greg Homoelle, Jennifer Evans-Lutz, Chris Chirumbolo, Kelly Altenburger-Greve, and J. Eric Wickline.
- Mount faculty: Sr. Annette Muckerheide, Gene Kritsky and Darla Vale.
- Mount PT student: Jaime Bayliss '05.

We also want to welcome new External Advisory Board members for the 2005-2007 term:

- Physical therapists: Monica Wilkins, Connie Scully, Suzanne Bowman, Tim Lees, and Margaret Gleim.
- Mount PT alumni: Christian Hoffman and Kelly Altenburger-Greve.
- Mount PT students: Diane Lieber '06, Laura Miller '06 and Jason Hugentobler '07.

Faculty News

The Mount PT program would like to welcome three new adjunct faculty members. Alumnus **Chris Chirumbolo '00**, director of rehabilitation for Villaspring and a geriatric certified specialist, will be assisting Dr. Lisa Dehner in her spring semester course, Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment. Two new adjuncts, **Andy Efke**, PT, and **Jim Walro**, PT, are currently assisting Professor Karen Holtgreffe in her course, Evaluation and Treatment of the Spine. Andy is a graduate of St. Louis University and is a physical therapist for Choice PT. Andy has received extensive training through the University of St. Augustine. Jim is a graduate of University of Evansville and is an outpatient physical therapist at Mercy Hospital, Mt Airy. Jim is also beginning his training for manual therapy certification.

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Faculty News (continued)

Mary Romanello, PhD, PT, ATC, SCS will be presenting a best practices poster at the 2005 Assessment Institute in Indianapolis this month.

Marsha Eifert-Mangine PT, ATC, EdD(c) is a collaborative researcher on three separate projects with clinicians and researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati Department of Orthopedics.

Karen Holtgreffe, PT, MHS, OCS and Jessica Biedenbender '05 will be presenting a poster, "Practice Guidelines for the Management of Acute Burn Injury: The Compliance of Burn Units in the United States" at the Ohio Physical Therapy Association's fall conference.

Karen Holtgreffe and Ann Fritch, PT, MS, NCS received re-certification this year in their orthopedic and neurologic clinical specialties, respectively.

Karen Holtgreffe was interviewed for an article, "Arthritis Programs: A Message of Hope" published in *PT Magazine*, June 2005.

Lisa Dehner will present a poster, "Cross-modal Evidence for a Transition Region between the Anterior Auditory Field (AAF) and the Multisensory Zone (MZ) of the Cat Anterior Suprasylvian Sulcus" at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting in November.

Student News

Congratulations to the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) class of 2005, who finished their final course in September and will soon be taking the NPTE and working all around the country. More than 80 percent of our graduates have already secured jobs.

2005 Student Awards

The MPT program has a tradition of recognizing outstanding graduates for program awards. Join us in congratulating this year's award recipients:

Outstanding Program Service: Amy Ballman

Outstanding Academic Achievement: Linda Rehtin

Outstanding Clinical Performance: Jessica Biedenbender

Melissa Miller '06 is the MPT representative on the student Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association.

Jesse Neiheisel '06 earned his strength and conditioning specialist certification (CSCS).

The Mount Student Physical Therapy Association raised \$2000 for the Foundation for Physical Therapy through the Pitt-Marquette Challenge and received an Honorable Mention by the Foundation.

Clinical Education

The PT program will be offering the 5th Annual Clinical Educator's Workshop to be held at the Mount on Friday, November 11, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The workshop is free to anyone who has been a clinical instructor in the last two years. For any interested persons from clinical sites who take Mount students, the cost is just \$25. Topics for this year's workshop include an update on the CPI and teaching strategies in PT clinical education. Breakfast will be provided and lunch will be offered for a nominal fee. For more information, please contact Tonya Apke, DPT, ACCE at (513) 244-4697.

Assignment for summer 2006 clinical internship sites will occur at the end of this month. Confirmation letters will be in the mail by November 1. Twenty-six students in the class of 2006 and 39 students in the class of 2007 will each be assigned to two clinicals.

New Award Program

The Mount PT program is extremely grateful for the steadfast dedication of our clinical instructors and coordinators in assisting with the education of our future PT colleagues. Out of respect and appreciation for that critical role, the Mount PT program has established the College of Mount St. Joseph PT Program Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award, which we will give annually during PT Month. MPT students nominate outstanding clinical instructors, and the PT faculty review those nominations and choose the recipient. This year, students nominated seven clinical instructors: Callie McCafferty, PT from Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, OH; Pete McBride, DPT, MS, ATC from Nova Care in Mason, OH; Sean Apke, PT, MS, ATC from The Howell Rehab Center in West Chester, OH; Matt Ernst, MPT, OCS from Nova Care in Florence, KY; Sharon Fleming, PT from St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, OH; Andrea Brockman, MPT from Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH; and Brad Sturgis, PT from OrthoSport Physical Therapy Center in Middletown, OH. The recipient of the award this year is Pete McBride. Pete has been a clinician for the Mount PT program for the past several years and consistently provides an outstanding clinical experience. His students state that he's a great teacher and clinician. Pete always takes the time to provide the students with encouragement and mentoring. Congratulations Pete!

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