

The University of Texas at El Paso  
College of Health Sciences  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

PT 6211

Emerging Trends in PT

Summer 2023

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Credit Hours:** 2

**Contact Hours:** 30 (Lecture: 30 hours; Lab: 0 hours; Clinic: 0 hours)

**Schedule:** Daily May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023-May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (times MAY vary)

Please see course schedule for time, room location, and topics.

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**Course Description:**

This course focuses on emerging trends in the contemporary healthcare environment that are relevant to physical therapy practice. These include, but are not limited to, new technologies and evolving healthcare delivery models.

**Course Prerequisites for DPT Students:**

The UTEP DPT Program curriculum is a lock-step curriculum. Therefore, students must pass all courses in the prior semester of the DPT Program in order to enroll in courses in the subsequent semester. Faculty may consider exceptions for PT 6116 PT Capstone Project I and PT 6117 PT Capstone Project II.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of Fellowship/Residency and Leadership within the physical therapy profession. (7D13, 7D14, 7D15) (Comprehension)
2. Discuss key emerging trends in the contemporary healthcare environment. (7A, 7D41) (Comprehension)
3. Debate how emerging trends will support or constrain autonomous physical therapist practice. (7A, 7D41) (Analysis)
4. Examine how emerging trends will impact physical therapy practice in the foreseeable future. (7A Genetics, 7D41) (Analysis)
5. Revise if, and how, emerging topics should/could be integrated into the existing entry-level curriculum. (Evaluation)
6. Evaluate how emerging trends are directly and/or indirectly impacting a clinical setting in which the student completes a full-time clinical experience. (7A Genetics, 7D41) (Evaluation)

**Methods of Instruction:**

Team-Based Learning (TBL) with active learning experiences using paper patients.

**Working with your peers in PT 6211**

A key element of your experience in this course will be the collaboration with other students. You will be a member of a team, and all of your team-based work will take place in class, so you do not need to worry about having to schedule additional meetings outside of class, except for the final project.

**Your role in the course**

To be ready for this type of experience, it will be important for you to *read and prepare outside of class*. Your preliminary knowledge and understanding of the readings will be essential for success with in-class activities and assignments, many of which will take place in collaboration with your team.

**Methods of Evaluation:** Student competence and attainment of course objectives are assessed using a variety of methods. These methods and their contribution to the final grade are listed in the table below.

TBL module Readiness Assessment	20% (15% group, 5% individual)
TBL Peer-evaluation	10%
Emerging Topic Analysis and Presentation	20%
Presentation peer-critique	10%
Exam	20%
Cross-curricular Assignment	10%
Clinical Setting Assignment	10%

**Grading Scale:** The following letter grade scale is used for the UTEP Doctor of Physical Therapy Program:

<u>Letter Grade Scale</u>	<u>Numerical Grade Scale</u>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	75-79
F	Below 75

Grades will not be rounded for this course.

**Required Textbooks and Other Learning Resources:**

- 1) None
- 2) Readings will come from current literature

**Recommended Textbooks and Other Learning Resources:**

- 1) Free resources available to members of the American Physical Therapy Association

**Resources Available for Student Success:****Confidential Resources:**

- **Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS):** If you have or suspect a disability and need accommodations, you should contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148. You can also e-mail the office at [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu) or go by their office in Union Building East, room 106 (next to the UTEP post-office). For additional information, visit the CASS website at <http://sa.utep.edu/cass>.

- **The UTEP Student Health Center:** Union East Suite 100; 915.747.5624; [www.utep.edu/chs/shc](http://www.utep.edu/chs/shc)
- **The UTEP Counseling and Psychological Services:** 202 Union West, 915.747.5302; [www.utep.edu/student-affairs/counsel](http://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/counsel)

**Additional Resources:**

- Division of Student Affairs. 915.747.5076, [www.utep.edu/student-affairs](http://www.utep.edu/student-affairs)
- DPT Library Research Guide: <http://libguides.utep.edu/pt>
- Writing Center: 915.747.5112. <https://uwc.utep.edu>
- Computer Labs: Independent Learning Center (ILC), 1<sup>st</sup> floor Campbell Building
- Military Student Success Center: 915.747.5342, [www.utep.edu/student-affairs/mssc](http://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/mssc)
- Student Wellness Program. 915.747.6738, [www.utep.edu/chs/wellness](http://www.utep.edu/chs/wellness)

**University Policies:** All students are responsible for following UTEP policies and procedures found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures at [www.utep.edu/vpba/hoop](http://www.utep.edu/vpba/hoop)

**Program Policies:** All DPT students are responsible for following all policies and procedures documented in the current DPT Student Handbook. Course policies found in the DPT Student Handbook apply to all courses in the DPT curriculum. The current DPT Student Handbook may be found on the DPT Student Resources site on Blackboard.

**Academic Integrity:** The UTEP DPT Program has a “zero tolerance policy” for scholastic dishonesty. DPT students must demonstrate academic integrity at all times. The current DPT Student Handbook outlines specific definitions, expectations, details, and consequences related to academic integrity and scholastic dishonesty. Additional information related to academic integrity is available through the UTEP Division of Student Affairs at [www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html](http://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html)

**Course-Specific Policies:**

1. **Attendance Policy - Absences:** Refer to current DPT Student Handbook “Attendance and Classroom Behavior” for the DPT Program policy. Additional course-specific policy are as follows:
  - As this is an intensive course, absences will be counted per hour.
  - No more than two (2) excused absences will be allowed.
  - Each excused absence thereafter will be considered as an unexcused absence and will result in a 5% decrease in the final grade for the course.
2. **Attendance Policy - Tardiness & Early Departures:** Refer to current DPT Student Handbook “Attendance and Classroom Behavior” for DPT Program policy.
3. **Electronic Devices:** Refer to current DPT Student Handbook “Electronic Devices” for DPT Program policy. Additional course-specific policy is as follows:
  - Electronic devices are to be used only for class work purposes
  - Students using electronic devices for other purposes will be asked to turn their devices off if it is the first time. If it is a second time, the instructor will collect the device and return it at the end of the class. If it is a third time, the instructor will collect the device and return it at the end of the course.
  - It will be a 5% decrease in the final grade per each time a student is using the device for other purposes.
4. **Professional Behavior Policy:** See DPT Student Handbook “Attendance and Classroom Behavior”, “Professional Behaviors” and “Unprofessional Behavior:” for general program policy. Additional course-specific is as follows:

- Unprofessional behavior observed by the instructor will be discussed with the student.
  - Each unprofessional behavior observed by the instructor will result in a 5% decrease in the final grade for the course.
5. **Late or Missed Assignments and Assessments Policy:** See current DPT Student Handbook “Written Examination Policy”. Additional course-specific policy is as follows:
- All assignment will have a date and time as deadline.
  - Students need to submit their assignment via Blackboard before the deadline.
  - It will be a 5% decrease in the final grade per hour (01-59 minutes) after the deadline.
6. **Skills Check Policy:**
- not applicable
7. **Practical Exam Policy:**
- not applicable
8. **Student Course Evaluation Policy:**
- Course evaluations are an important part of the Department’s DPT curriculum assessment plan. The expectation is that all students will give meaningful feedback, in a professional and respectful way, to instructors. Instructors use this feedback to enhance their teaching and to improve students’ learning. Giving feedback in a course is a professional expectation. For example, when you attend a continuing education (CE) course as a clinician, you will be asked to give feedback to be eligible for CE units (CEUs) The Department depends on and is grateful for your valuable feedback. Therefore, this course will add an ungraded assignment where you will need to upload a screenshot of your completed course evaluation, from your ‘myutep’ course evaluations confirmation page, the week before the final exam. This screenshot will be the proof that you submitted your course evaluation. This proof may be used as evidence of your professionalism and commitment to the success of the DPT curriculum, when faculty are making decisions regarding who will be chosen for research grant and/or travel funding.

**Course Content and Schedule:** (Note: Students will be notified of changes via Blackboard or email. Additional details may be available in supporting course documents provided by the course instructor).

The following schedule is subject to change due to potential guest speaker commitments.

Day	Lectures	Comments/Deadlines/ Readings
Monday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 1:30 pm Introduction to course, TBL groups assignments, and presentation assignments  APTA-related topics (Advocacy, Residencies/Fellowships) ( <b>TBL Module 1</b> )	Readings For TBL Module 1 iRAT and tRAT for Module 1
Tuesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 1:00 pm Ergonomics ( <b>TBL Module 2</b> )	Readings For TBL Module 2 iRAT and tRAT for Module 2  <b>Groups and group topic are due at 11:59 pm MST via email at <a href="mailto:agurovich@utep.edu">agurovich@utep.edu</a></b>
Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 10:20 pm Tele-rehab ( <b>TBL Module 3</b> )  10:30 am to 1:00 pm Tele-rehab <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Hector Adame	Readings For TBL Module 3 iRAT and tRAT for Module 3
Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 11:00 am Why therapists can't trade in their brains for technology (yet)? <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Martina Spiess 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Animal Therapy <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Michelle Cwiklinski	Readings for guest speakers
Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 10:30 am Sports PT <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Nick Valencia  10:45 am to 2:00 pm Precision Medicine/Big data ( <b>TBL Module 4</b> )	Readings for Guest Speaker  Readings For TBL Module 4 iRAT and tRAT for Module 4
Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Student Presentation Prep	
Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Student Presentation Prep	
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Student Presentation Prep	<b>Presentation questions, summary, and power point presentations are due at 11:59 pm MST</b>

Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am to 1:00 pm (lunch included) Numotion Wheelchair  1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Student presentations <b>Peer-critique is due after each presentation (see Blackboard for survey links)</b>	<b>Cross-curricular analysis is due at 11:59 pm MST</b>
Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to noon Student presentations  2:00-3:30 Final Exam	<b>Clinical Setting Assignment is due July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm MST</b>

**Course Assignments:**

EMERGING TOPIC ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION: Through a “TED-Talk Style” presentation, groups of 3 students will present about their emerging topic. Presentations should include a background including topic relevance and evidence around it. In addition, present how this emerging topic influence or will influence physical therapy practice in the foreseeable future. Assignment instructions and rubric will be provided on Blackboard. If you have an alternative topic you would like to tackle, it must be *pre-approved by course faculty*. Some **possible topics** are described below.

- 3D Printing
- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
- Nanotechnology
- New devices for PT
- PT Mobile Tools (e.g. ROM apps, Dartfish, etc)
- Virtual Reality in PT
- Regenerative Medicine
- Robotics
- Stem Cells (e.g. knee osteoarthritis)
- TelePT/mHealth
- Wearable Technology

PEER CRITIQUE: Each student will be completing a peer critique of each presentation, providing positive and constructive feedback regarding his or her presentation effectiveness. Instructions are provided on Blackboard.

CROSS-CURRICULAR ANALYSIS: Each presenting group will perform a critical analysis of all faculty-lead topics answering three basic questions: 1) Why/why not the topic was emerging, 2) How the topic will/will not change PT practice, and 3) How, or where, the specific topic could be integrated into our entry-level curriculum. Assignment instruction provided on Blackboard.

CLINICAL SETTING ASSIGNMENT: Student will evaluate how emerging trends are directly and/or indirectly impacting their first clinical experience. Assignment instructions are provided on Blackboard.