

**ACAPT Diversity Task Force: DPT Student Survey**

**Informed Consent for**

**Understanding the Process of Undergraduate Students' Pursuit of a Physical Therapist Career**

You are invited to participate in a study designed to better understand the process of undergraduate students' decision to pursue a career as a physical therapist. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey that will take approximately 5 minutes. You have been selected as a possible participant because you are either a student in a professional PT program or an undergraduate faculty advisor. The purpose of this study is to determine what factors influence a student's decision to apply to a professional PT program:

**Aim 1:** Describe and determine resources used and needed by academic advisors in support of a student's pursuit of a physical therapist career.

**Aim 2:** Describe and determine factors affecting students' decisions to pursue a physical therapist career

The results of this study will provide relevant information regarding the factors students consider in applying to a professional PT program and the process that undergraduate faculty advisors use when advising prospective PT students.

Identifying information such as your name, email address, and the Internet Protocol (IP) address of this computer will **not** be asked or made available to the researchers. Data will be retained on the Formsite.com website server for one year and will be deleted by the research staff after this time. However, data may exist on backups or server logs beyond the timeframe of this research project. Data transferred from the survey site will be saved on a password protected computer for 12 months. Only the PI, project investigators, and study staff will have access to the data collected by this study.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose to not answer any of the questions or withdraw from this study at any time without penalty. There will be no monetary compensation for participation in this study. For more information or questions, you may contact Dr. Bernadette Williams-York at 334-229-7463 or the ASU Institutional Review Board at 334-229-5053.

**BY ENTERING THIS SURVEY, YOU ARE INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE READ THE CONSENT FORM, YOU ARE AGE 18 OR OLDER AND THAT YOU VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY.**

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Please take approximately 5 minutes to complete a DPT student survey of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) Diversity Task Force. ACAPT is a component of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Your responses will be confidential and only aggregate results will be reported. Your participation will help the PT education community determine what factors most significantly contribute to a student's decision to pursue a physical therapist career and apply to particular DPT education programs. Contact [academicservices@apta.org](mailto:academicservices@apta.org), if questions about the survey.

Survey Deadline: **APRIL 24, 2015**

Who did you go to as a pre-PT student with your questions about physical therapist education, the admission process to DPT programs, and PT careers? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Health professions or health care careers advisor
- ☐ College major advisor
- ☐ General advising office
- ☐ Faculty member (eg, exercise physiology, kinesiology)
- ☐ Pre-PT club
- ☐ Physical therapist
- ☐ Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) education program
- ☐ APTA website
- ☐ PTCAS website
- ☐ Google or other search engine
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Were you referred by anyone to a DPT education program for guidance on your pre-PT academic course load and plan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic origin? Select one response.

- ☐ Yes, Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina
- ☐ No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina

Which of the following best describes your race? Indicate your racial identity by selecting 1 or more of the categories below, as provided.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Check all that applied to you during high school.

- ☐ I graduated from a high school from which a low percentage of seniors receive a high school diploma.
- ☐ I was eligible and received free or reduced meals while in school.
- ☐ I am from a family that receives or received public assistance (e.g., Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid, public housing, community health center) or I receive public assistance.
- ☐ There was no guidance counselor, Advanced Placement (AP) courses/tests, or college preparation courses at my high school.
- ☐ I am from a family that lives in an area that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area or a Medically Underserved Area.
- ☐ I participated in an academic enrichment program funded in whole or in part by the Health Careers Opportunity Program.
- ☐ I am a high-school drop-out who received Adult High School (AHS) diploma or GED.
- ☐ I am from a school district where 50% or less of graduates go to college or where college education is not encouraged.
- ☐ I am the first generation in my family to attend college (neither my mother nor my father attended college).
- ☐ English is not my primary language.
- ☐ NONE OF THE ITEMS ABOVE APPLY TO ME.

The presence of minority faculty in the DPT program was a factor in my decision on whether to apply there:

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Did you participate in a camp or workshop about physical therapist careers, healthcare careers, or STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) careers while you were in middle school, high school, and/or college? If yes, check all that apply.

	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>College (pre-PT)</b>
Physical Therapy-focused	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare-focused	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEM Focused	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you participated in one or more events, did any play a role in your decision to pursue a physical therapist career?

- ☐ Definitely YES – It was an important factor in my decision to become a physical therapist.
- ☐ YES – It played a role in my decision to become a physical therapist.

- ☐ NO – It did not play a role in my decision to become a physical therapist.
- ☐ Definitely NO – I decided to become a physical therapist despite my experiences with it.
- ☐ Not Applicable – I did not participate in any related events or programs.

At what age did you decide to become a physical therapist?

What electronic communication and social media tools do you regularly use or check? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ YouTube
- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ Tumblr
- ☐ Flickr
- ☐ Text Messages
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Pinterest
- ☐ Google+
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Vine
- ☐ Other (specify)

Click the SUBMIT button below to complete the survey.