



Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Four DPT Faculty Receive Endowed Professorships

Over \$180,000 awarded for faculty research

FranU DPT faculty members Dr. Jaime Caillet, Dr. Michael Ludwig, Dr. Jeffrey Thompson, and Dr. Phil Page were awarded over \$180,000 in research funding through the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Professorships Program. The funding will go toward research on integrating musculoskeletal ultrasound into the DPT curriculum as well as equipment for biomechanical analysis and virtual reality anatomy education.

It's Scholarly Project Season

DPT students have access state of the art equipment

Students at FranU DPT are required to complete a scholarly project for graduation. Similar to a thesis or dissertation, their scholarly projects are full-length manuscripts that answer a research question. Students can choose to complete a systematic literature review, survey, or an observational pilot study for their project. Those choosing observational studies have access to the latest research equipment for evaluating biomechanical and cardiopulmonary measures.



2nd year DPT student Brennan Triche tries out Oculus virtual reality boxing while measuring oxygen consumption and caloric expenditure on the wireless

2nd year DPT student Bailie Marsh is looking at muscle responses and pressure while standing on a Hypervibe Whole Body Vibration

Kids Play

Pediatrics Club gives DPT students a head start

Dr. Danielle Morris, adjunct professor at FranU DPT engages students interested in a career in pediatrics with her monthly Pediatrics Club.



2nd year DPT student Danielle Rankin creates innovative play for pediatric patients to strengthen their legs

If the Orthotic Fits

Experts from Hansens Disease Center welcome students

In late February, the Class of 2023 (2nd years) went to the National Hansen's Disease Program Facility in Baton Rouge as a part of their Rehabilitation with Prosthetics and Orthotics class where they received hands on experience with the making of orthotics by orthotic specialists. Special thanks to physical therapists Scott McGrew and Dane Hupp for sharing their expertise in orthotics with our students!



Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Service Learning is a cornerstone at FranU

In late January, some of the Class of 2024 (1st years) participated in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity where students spent their Saturday building a house for a family in need.



DPT students attend and volunteer at Combined Sections Meeting

FranU represented at APTA in San Antonio

In February, some of our faculty and students traveled to San Antonio for the APTA Combined Sections Meeting of 2022. The faculty and students participated in demonstrations, learned from some fellow PTs across the country, and had the opportunity to collaborate with other student physical therapists. We were proud to represent APTA Louisiana and FranU.



Student Leadership for DPT2024

Class officers elected for 1st year students

In January, class officers were selected for DPT Class of 2024

President - **Grayson Dubois**

Secretary - **Abigail Collins**

Treasurer - **Kalia Phillips**

Social Chair - **Morgan Messina**

Service/Fundraising Chair - **Kathryn Leger**

Social Media Chairs - **Alanna Boudreaux**

LPTA Liaison - **Jyra Dark**

SGA Representative - **Jacob Jackson**

Thank you Chick-fil-a!

On February 11th, Chick-fil-a sponsored FranU DPT with a giveback night where 20% of their sales from this night were kindly donated to FranU Student Physical Therapy Society.

Special thanks to DPT Class of 2023 Alexa Lonibos for her newsletter reporting!