

# PTY 725 : Differential Diagnosis for Physical Therapists

This course enhances student knowledge of and critical thinking skills in the process of differential diagnosis related to the physical therapy profession through an exploration of the physical therapist's role as an independent practitioner working within the collaborative medical model. Topics include medical screening, referral, medical conditions that warrant urgent or immediate communication with a physician, systemic processes that mimic musculoskeletal impairments, and effective communication strategies with physicians and patients. This course is only open to students in the DPT program.

**Credits** 4