

**Department of Physical Therapy**  
**Policy on Sitting for NPTE Prior to Degree Conferral**

1. GPA Requirement
  - a. Student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.8 at the start of their final semester of the DPT curriculum.
2. PEAT Exam
  - a. Student must attempt and successfully pass both trials of the PEAT exam.
  - b. Exams must be taken on campus during scheduled time through course coordinator for PT9000, unless the University closes all on-campus instruction.
3. Student must not have any Critical Incident Reports during their time in the program.
4. Student must not have any First Attempt Failures for practical or competency exams during their time in the program.
5. Student must not have had any documented issues in Clinics I-IV. Documented issues include comments on CPI or any records kept by the DCE.
6. Special Circumstances: If a student does not meet all of items 1-5, he/she may submit a proposal outlining special circumstances for the faculty to consider. The proposal for exception will be due via email by January 3, 2021 and should be sent to the Chair and Program Director for dissemination to all faculty for consideration. The student will then be notified of the faculty decision by January 19, 2021 and whether or not his/her request for exception has been granted.

Any student qualifying to sit for NPTE prior to graduation (see steps 1-6 above) must then complete all necessary registration and supplemental documentation required by the State Board and FSBPT and submit to the Department administrative assistant by February 1, 2021 for signatures and submission to the State Board. There will be no exceptions to the due date.

Upon successful completion of all registration requirements and subsequent submission to the Department administrative assistant, the Department Chair will sign off on the submitted Graduation Verification form and mail to the State Board in February 2021. The faculty will continue to monitor the student's progress in the program for successful completion of all Spring 2021 coursework. If any issues arise in Clinic V (January 4-March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021) or in Spring 2021 coursework then the student will not be eligible to take the NPTE exam on April 28, 2021.

The student must receive final clearance from the department Chair via email by April 19, 2021 to sit for the NPTE. If the student takes the exam without the final approval of the Chair then the student will receive a failing grade for Clinic V (PT8950) and will be terminated from the program.

If the student ultimately does not complete the Spring 2021 coursework with a passing grade then the student will not be eligible to take the NPTE exam on April 28, 2021. If the student takes the exam without the final approval of the department Chair, then the student will receive a failing grade for the corresponding course and will be terminated from the program.

I, Laura Hope Scarfield, have read and agree with the policy on the NPTE as outlined above.



Laura Hope Sarfield

Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

1/13/21

Date

Chair Printed Name

Chair Signature

Date