

## Questionnaire on Physical Therapy Entry Level Education

This questionnaire has three parts. Please answer as specifically as possible. If there are any questions you prefer not to answer, please skip them and move on to the next question.

## I. Overview of your Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

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## II. Evaluation of DPT programs.

10. What are the benefits of having a DPT program? Write the all numbers which apply in [ ].
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1. Increase in number of applicants
2. Increase in number of more qualified applicants
3. Increase in employment rate among graduates
4. Better curriculum
5. Improved efficacy of education program, resulting in improved knowledge among students
6. Improvement in National Physical Therapy Exam passing rate
7. Improvement in social status of Physical Therapists
8. Possibility of clients' direct access to Physical Therapy services (without physicians' order)
9. Others (Please write specific benefits)

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11. Do you experience any issues regarding the DPT program? Write the all numbers which apply in [ ].

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1. No benefit of doctorate degree employment opportunities, compared to RPTs with other degrees
2. No financial benefit of the doctorate degree, compared to RPTs with other degrees
3. Slow improvement in curriculums matching the doctorate degree
4. Slow improvement in fieldwork/internship programs matching the doctorate degree
5. Insufficient time to educate the required quantity and quality of the doctorate degree
6. Increased strains to students due to required time commitment
7. Increased strains to students' finance due to more required credit hours
8. Competition in acquiring qualified candidates as the number of DPT program increased
9. Slow improvement in social status of Physical Therapists, such as clients' direct access to the services
10. Decrease the number of therapists in rural area, due to trend of working in large cities
11. Difficulty in employment among graduates, due to a trend of hiring PTAs, instead of DPT graduates for cost effectiveness
12. Others (Please write specific issues)

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12. What challenges does your DPT program face? Write the all numbers which apply in [ ].

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1. Improvement in curriculum contents
2. Improvement in fieldwork/internship programs
3. Lengthening the required time for completion of the program
4. Shortening the required time for completion of the program
5. Improvement of National Physical Therapy Exam passing rate
6. Expanding prospective employers which fit the doctorate degree
7. Diminishing financial burden to students
8. Activity to promote clients' direct access to Physical Therapy services
9. Promotion to attract prospective applicants
10. Activity to promote higher social status of Physical Therapists
11. Others (Please write specific challenges)

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13. What is the most critical challenge among the answers in the question 12? Please explain the issue in as much detail as possible.

14. If you have any opinions in regards to DPT programs, please give us your input.

**III. Please answer about yourself (optional)**

Age: 1. 20s 2. 30s 3. 40s 4. 50s 5. 60s 6. 70s and above

Position: 1. Program Director 2. Academic Coordinator / Director of Clinical Education (ACCE/DCE)  
3. Other Faculty Members 4. Others

Rank: 1. Professor 2. Associate Professor 3. Assistant Professor  
4. Instructor 5. Lecturer 6. Others

Name of the school/program [ ]

Thank you for your cooperation.

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