

Doctor of Physical Therapy, CPS#103178

- FS Curriculum Council – Allen Thompson and Carol McKiel, co-chairs
 - Expedited review process, initiated on Monday 1/7.
 - Proposal was reviewed and approved by the Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee, Graduate Council, Curriculum Council and Executive Committee.
- OSU-Cascades – Oregon Institute of Technology and Western Oregon University are advancing competing proposals. HECC might not approve more than one in the state.
- Professional program – will seek CAPTE accreditation, 180 credit hours, 3 years, 11-term program, non-dissertation, embedded proposals for 40 new 700-level courses and PT course designator.

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- **Executive Summary:** “This proposal requests the creation of a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program at Oregon State University-Cascades (OSU-C), the first DPT degree program at a public university in the state of Oregon. This program will provide access to a premiere DPT program at in-state tuition for local Oregon students. Physical therapy is a dynamic profession with an established theoretical and scientific base with widespread clinical applications in the restoration, maintenance, and promotion of optimal physical function. According to the United States Department of Labor, ‘employment of physical therapists is projected to grow 34% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations.’”

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- HECC requirement – proposal has been reviewed by three DPT programs in Northwest and one land-grant in Midwest.
- 1st cohort of 42 DPT students in the Fall of 2021, budgeted for 10 full-time DPT faculty (tenure and non-tenure) to be hired over five years.
- OSU-Cascades has approved funding for Academic Building 2, +6,500 sq. ft. which will accommodate and was programed specifically for the DPT degree. Opening of the building is scheduled to coincide with start of the DPT program in Fall 2021.
- Questions? Dean Julie Gess-Newsome & Assoc. Prof. Christine Pollard