



**TEMPLE**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**College of Health Professions**  
**Department of Physical Therapy**  
**Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**  
**Transition**  
**Course Descriptions**

**DPT 8571: Physical Therapy Diagnostics - 3 Credit Hours**

This course reviews the principles of diagnosis and patient classification to guide physical therapy care. The patient classification scheme outlined in The Guide to Physical Therapist Practice patterns is presented as an example of diagnoses made by physical therapists. The course will also cover diagnostic decision-making, including measurement properties of various test and measures, in the following systems: musculoskeletal, neuromusculoskeletal, and cardiopulmonary.

**The required texts for this course are:**

- APTA, Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, 2nd Ed, American Physical Therapy Association, Alexandria, VA, 2001.