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

PT 8577: Health Care Systems - 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the American health care system, using a model that identifies four major components to the system: Resources, Delivery Systems, the Planning/Regulatory Infrastructure, and Consumers. Although all 4 components will be addressed less emphasis will be placed on Consumers as this area has been covered in other behavioral science courses. This course will emphasize the interconnections between the various segments of the system, as well as will address the role of physical therapy as a professional and physical therapists as professionals in this system.

The required texts for this course are:

- Barlett DL and Steele JB. Critical Condition: How Health Care in America Became Big Business and Bad Medicine. Doubleday. 2004.
- Kissick WL. Medicine's Dilemmas: Infinite Needs Versus Finite Resources. New Haven CN. Yale University Press. 1994.