



University of Findlay

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Traditional DPT Program
Weekend PTA to DPT Bridge Program

January 5, 2026

Dear Site Coordinator of Clinical Education and Clinical Instructors,

Happy New Year!

What a great year of clinical education for our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students! We are blessed to have strong clinical partnerships not only in Ohio, but throughout the United States! As we welcome 2026, the faculty, staff, and students of The University of Findlay's Physical Therapy Programs extend our warmest wishes to you and your team. We are grateful for your continued partnership in clinical education and hope the year ahead brings you health, fulfillment, and ongoing success.

We are happy to announce that we have a new faculty member joining us this year, Dr. Brandon Koehler, PT, DPT, PhD, MBA. Dr. Koehler is a University of Findlay alum, graduating with an MPT in 2003. He continued his education and earned an MBA degree in 2009 from Bluffton University and a DPT and PhD degrees in 2021 from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Koehler was a member of our faculty team at UF from 2014-2023 and we are happy to welcome him back. His primary research interest is changes in physiological measures as they relate to aging, particularly regarding upper extremity and thoracic spine motion.

For the 2026 clinical education year, the traditional DPT and the weekend PTA to DPT programs will continue to use the Exxat system for clinical education onboarding and assignment processes, except for those clinical partners using their own onboarding systems. The Exxat program will also be used for March mailings and clinical requests for 2027, except for our OH and KY clinical partners who participate in the Consortium Core Network (CCN). We do have sites who prefer to receive an email for clinical requests, and we are happy to continue to do that. If you prefer to receive clinical requests via email for the upcoming year, please reach out to one of the DCEs, Stefanie Anderson at andersons4@findlay.edu or Robyn Wilhelm at wilhelmr2@findlay.edu.

Dr. Anderson and Dr. Wilhelm continue to be active members of the Ohio-Kentucky Consortium of Physical Therapy Programs for Clinical Education (OKCTP). The consortium serves as a collaborative network of academic physical therapy (PT) programs and clinical education sites. The consortium aims to optimize and standardize clinical-education processes across member institutions. Thank you to our OH and KY clinical partners who participate in the Consortium Core Network (CCN).

The DPT program **2025 accomplishments** have included the following:

- Dr. Stefanie Anderson and Dr. Robyn Wilhelm, along with Dr. Amy Both (University of Toledo), presented Empowering Clinical Learning: Key Strategies for Student Success for the May **OPTA Lunch and Learn** Online Webinar Series. May 13, 2025.

- The **Integrated Clinical Experience (ICE)** course series continued with a local clinical site where 2nd year Bridge Program DPT students participated in wheelchair evaluations. First year Bridge Program DPT students utilized their clinical sites of employment to conduct examination and evaluation observations and participation.
- Second year Traditional Program DPT students hosted a nine-week **Orthopedic and Wellness Pro Bono Clinic** held in Fall 2025 for adults with orthopedic dysfunctions or wellness needs under the guidance of Dr. Mario Baker and Dr. Ben Cooksey.
- Third year Traditional Program DPT students hosted a six-week **Neurological Pro Bono Clinic** which focused on adults and children with neurological issues under the guidance of Dr. Paul Colbert.

Multiple publications and presentations including the following:

Rospert A, Dill B, Fulkerson J, Matson A, Lodzinski J, Zoller L, Mitchell J, Huber A. Physical Therapy Dosing Parameters of the Schroth Method for the Management of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Scoping Review. Platform Lecture. Ohio Physical Therapy Association, Linking Evidence, and Practice State Conference. Sept 2025.

Huber A, Verhoff D, Lepard J, Fusco A, Morlani D, Kaufman H. Running Related Injury Occurrence and Cadence after Two Methods of Cadence Retraining: Randomized Controlled Trial with a 6-month Follow up. Platform Lecture. Ohio Physical Therapy Association, Linking Evidence, and Practice State Conference. Sept 2025

Reader B, Benedict J, **Rospert A**, Lemanek K, Creary S. Describing Outpatient Physical Therapy Use Among Adolescents and Young Adults With Sickle Cell Disease: A Single-Center Retrospective Study. *Pediatric Blood Cancer*. 2025;72(8):e31809. doi:10.1002/pbc.31809

Rospert A, Spenske C, Drake A. When It's Not Straight Forward: Understanding Axial Skeletal Deformities and Treatment. Ohio Physical Therapy Association, Annual Spring Conference. Columbus, OH. April 2025. Educational Session

Selhorst M, Lullo K, Kempton J, **Rospert A**. The Effectiveness of Conservative Interventions for Calcaneal Apophysitis: A Systematic Review. American Physical Therapy Association, Combined Sections Meeting. Houston, TX. February 2025. Poster.

Anderson S, Schroeder N, Baker M, McBride, S. National Physical Therapy Examination Success Indicators for Bridge PTA to DPT Students. Poster. American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) Educational Leadership Conference (ELC) 2025, Kansas City, MO. Abstract Accepted: 06/10/2025. Presentation Date: October 2025

Baker M, McBride S, Cuatt B, Nielson D, Grant R, Kim A, Khattar C, Walling S. Accuracy of Blood Pressure Measurements by Physical Therapist Assistants Using a Calibrated Simulated Mannequin. American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM). Abstract Accepted: 10/2/2024. Presentation Date: February 2025.

Woolf R, **Baker M**, Boissonault W, Evans W, Rosa JM, Lapnawan J, Parker ME. "Professional Transformation through Innovative Self-Reflection: The Healthy Practice Resource". The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Spring 2025 Conference. Abstract Accepted: 06/05/2024. Presentation Date: February 2025

Schroeder N, Czerwony J, Rouse W, Sims J, Stark A, Zarnosky J, Zeleznik J. Hip rotation strength and ground reaction force in males and females with low back pain. Ohio Physical Therapy Association Fall Conference. September 2025.

Schroeder N, Leichtman L, Yauch C, Luque H, Singh S, Yeh J, Poling J. Caffeine and Isolated and Multi-Joint Acute Muscle Strength in Adult Females: A Case Report Analysis. Poster. APTA Combined Sections Meeting. February 2025: Houston, TX

Apke T, Boyd A, Gallivan S, Legar T, Lee K, Quinn S, Renner T, Wilhelm R. From Venting to Vision: Building the Future of Clinical Placement Together. American Physical Therapy Association, Educational Leadership Conference. Kansas City, MO. October 2025. Educational Session.

Please mark your calendars for the **upcoming continuing education opportunity**:

The University of Findlay Physical Therapy Program **Student and Clinician Research Forum** will be held on February 5, 2026, from 5:30pm-7:00pm. The forum showcases platform presentations by clinicians and UF DPT students and faculty. The forum will also include poster presentations by UF DPT students of the Class of 2026 and UF faculty. Pending 1.0 CEU, free! Registration:

<https://www.ohiopt.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=2016032&group=>

Thank you for your continued dedication and mentorship of our students. Clinical Educator resources can be found at <https://www.findlay.edu/health-professions/physical-therapy/clinical-educator>. If there is any additional support we can provide as a valued clinical partner, please reach out.

Sincerely,

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