



Quick News Flash

March 2010

Here is a quick summary of some of the latest news from the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

STUDENTS

1. Angelo State University graduated its 8th class of 19 MPT students in December 2009. Most of them are employed at facilities across Texas.
2. Our last class of MPT students will graduate in December 2010. They are heading out on their final rotations this summer and fall.
3. We enrolled our first DPT class in May 2009. They are preparing for their first rotation in acute care later this year.
4. We have completed the interviews for the next DPT class. We expect to enroll a strong class of 20 students that will begin the program in May 2010.

FACULTY

1. Ms. Harriet Lewis, PT, MS, began a 3-year term as a member of the Clinical Instructor Education Board of the APTA in July 2009. She is a Basic and Advanced Clinical Trainer. She is available to conduct credentialing courses for clinical instructors in both the basic and advanced curriculum. In 2009 she team taught the advanced course in Oakland, CA in September and St. Louis, MO in November. She taught the basic course in San Angelo in August. If you are interested in either course, please contact her at 325-942-2394 or Harriet.Lewis@angelo.edu.
2. We have hired two new faculty members. Dr. Man-Soo Ko came from University of Texas at El Paso and teaches in the areas of biomechanics and research. Dr. You-jou Hung came from University of Iowa and teaches in the areas of motor control and musculoskeletal pathology.
3. We were sad to say good-bye to Dr. Reta Zabel, PT, in August 2009. She returned to clinical practice in Arkansas after one (1) year with us.
4. We are looking for two additional faculty members to teach in the DPT program. We are interested in a person who could join Lynne Hughes, PT,

MS, OCS, in teaching musculoskeletal/orthopedic rehab and another who has expertise in neuro-rehab. To view job descriptions, qualifications and/or apply for either of these positions, please click on the link below.

(<https://employment.angelo.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1265919573357>)

5. We are pleased that Debbie Stafford, PT, continues to teach the spinal cord unit in the second Neurosensory System Problems course. She comes from her home in Florida to teach the course content in 2 one week blocks. Dr. Cynthia Fisher, PT, continues to teach the pediatric coursework. She comes to us from El Paso. She is the current president of the TPTA.
6. Ms. Harriet Lewis, PT, MS was the first recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in the College of Nursing and Allied Health. She accepted her award at the Homecoming Dinner in October 2009.

PROGRAM

1. The transition to the DPT gave us the optimal opportunity to make alterations to our curriculum and program. The most obvious modification is a conversion from a 2 ½ to a 3 year program. The first year of the program includes coursework in the basic foundation sciences as well as the necessary clinical science courses to prepare the students for an acute care rotation. The second year builds on the information in the first year and adds clinical knowledge and skills necessary for an outpatient musculoskeletal rotation. The third year continues to build on previous coursework and adds the information needed for a successful rotation in neuro-rehab/long term care. These curricular changes impacted the clinical education in the following manner:
 - a. The first rotation is an 8 week acute care rotation for all students. It occurs in the fall of the second year for the majority of the students. However, a student could do this rotation in the summer if a site is unable to offer a fall placement.
 - b. The second rotation is a 10 week outpatient musculoskeletal rotation. It occurs in the third summer just prior to the third year.
 - c. The third rotation is a 12 week neuro-rehab/long term care rotation that occurs in the spring of the final year. This is also the time when students may choose a pediatric or other specialty neuro focus.
2. We are now part of the College of Nursing and Allied Health. Long range plans for this new college include a pro bono clinic for rehab, a new building and the possible addition of new programs in other health professions.
3. The College of Nursing and Allied Health held its first Job Fair in February 2010. We look forward to this becoming an annual event and anticipate that it will occur later in the spring semester in the future. If you would like to be a part of the fair next year, please contact Ms. Nancy Budewig, PT Office Coordinator at ptdept@angelo.edu or 325-942-2545.

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

1. The College of Nursing and Allied Health is pleased to announce the formation of a Friends Program for persons and/or organizations that wish to support the mission of the College with a monetary gift. Persons and/or organizations that choose to become a Friend will receive increased access to our students and acknowledgement on the website. The money collected will be used to support the students in the form of assistance to attend national meetings, assistance with the cost of clinical rotations, and assistance for nursing and physical therapy program activities that are not funded by the state. Please contact Dr. Scott Hasson, PT, EdD, and Head of the Department of Physical Therapy for more information about the program. (scott.hasson@angelo.edu, (325) 942-2547)

UNIVERSITY

1. The university was named one of the 371 Best Colleges by the Princeton Review in 2009.
2. Angelo Staters in the news:
 - a. The Angelo State University College of Nursing and Allied Health has been awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for expansion of services at ASU's San Jacinto School Health Clinic and Family Wellness Center.
 - b. Ellen D. Moreland, senior instructor of mathematics at Angelo State University, has been named the 2009 Texas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).
 - c. Angelo State University's Center for International Studies (CIS) has been named co-winner of a 2010 Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
 - d. *G.I. Jobs* magazine has named Angelo State University to its national list of "Military Friendly Schools," counting ASU among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

If you have news that you would like to share, please contact Harriet Lewis (325/942-2394 or harriet.lewis@angelo.edu)