Welcome!
Welcome to PHTH 752: Clinical Application of Diagnostic Imaging. This course will be delivered in an online format.

Congratulations on your enrollment in the University of South Dakota transitional DPT program. In this course (PHTH 752) we will learn basic/normal imaging concepts as well as various pathologic states seen on diagnostic imaging with the bulk of the course information being dedicated to musculoskeletal imaging.

Required Texts

Technology Requirements
The University of South Dakota has established minimum technology requirements for participation in online courses. These are outlined under the “Technology Support and Requirements” section in the CE Online Orientation document (http://www.usd.edu/continuing-and-distance-education/upload/Online-Orientation-Guide.pdf)

General Course Schedule
This course will consist of approximately 42 lecture sessions over the 15 weeks, ten short clinical correlation papers and four written examinations. The goal will be for each weeks lecture sessions to be posted at least one week prior to the specified time. If students wish they may work ahead as the lectures get posted.

General Course Requirements and Expectations
This is a two credit course, which would normally consist of two hours of meeting time per week for 15 weeks in a face-to-face class. As this is an online course, we will not be meeting face-to-face; the educational process will be accomplished by the following requirements: reading the assigned readings, viewing the recorded lectures; completing content exams/quizzes, completing on-line discussion, and completion of written assignments focusing on the literature related to a diagnostic imaging topic. Each audio power point topic session will be approximately 20-100 minutes in length.

My hope is that through this course, you will have a better understanding of normal as well as various pathologic conditions that are visible on diagnostic images, and hopefully will relate to various patient conditions that you might encounter in your clinical practice.

As the course instructor, I will generally be online at least two times during the week.
As a student, it is expected that you will be online in this course at least one day out of each week in which the course is conducted.

Please refer to the syllabus for more information about these requirements and expectations.

**Getting Started**

First, you should familiarize yourself with the CE Online Orientation, which can be found at the following URL: http://www.usd.edu/continuing-and-distance-education/upload/Online-Orientation-Guide.pdf. It contains important information on accessing USD’s resource online.

Next, you will want to access the course in Desire2Learn (D2L). This can be done via the student portal, or directly via https://d2l.sdbor.edu. You should see the course listed under the current term.

**IMPORTANT:** You will NOT be able to access the course until the start date listed in WebAdvisor.**

**IMPORTANT:** You MUST log in to this course during the first week of class, since it is an acknowledgement of your enrollment in the course and a signal that you are in “attendance”.

Once in the course, you should do the following:
1. Orient yourself to the course components: Content (where all the lectures will reside), Discussions, etc.
2. Read through the items under “Getting Started,” on the top, left-hand side of the course homepage.

**Contacting Support for Your Questions**

My contact information is listed at the top of this document. The best way to contact me is via email. The second best is via phone – and please leave a message if I do not answer. I will do my best to respond to your requests within 24-hours during the weekdays. On a normal basis, I do not check email or phone messages over the weekend.