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New Course Request

USD	School of Health Sciences/Physical Therapy
Institution	Division/Department
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Institutional Approval Signature	Date

Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
PHTH 237	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1

Course Description
<p>This course offers a broad introduction to the roles and responsibilities of today’s physical therapists. Students will gain knowledge of the physical therapist’s role in medical, rehabilitative, occupational, athletic, home-based, and educational practice settings. Students will acquire an understanding of relevant medical terminology and will explore professional issues and ethical topics relevant to the PT profession. Students will utilize decision-making and critical judgment skills to assess impairments and to establish realistic goals and interventions.</p>

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites N/A

Registration Restrictions N/A

Section 2. Review of Course

2.1. Will this be a unique or common course?

Unique Course

If the request is for a unique course, institutions must review the common course catalog in the system course database to determine if a comparable common course already exists. List the two closest course matches in the common course catalog and provide a brief narrative explaining why the proposed course differs from those listed. If a search of the common course catalog determines an existing common course exists, complete the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form. Courses requested without an attempt to find comparable courses will not be reviewed.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
PHTH 142	Introduction to PT and OT (SDSU course)	1

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

<p>The SDSU PHTH 142 course is a lower level course that provides a very basic introduction to a career as a physical or occupational therapist. The current proposed course will expand upon topics of professional history, decision-making in PT, medical ethical considerations, and basic medical/anatomical terminology. The course will offer case study to encourage interaction and allow students to sample professional scenarios that require critical judgement skills and generate measurable goals for treatment. The course will be taught by faculty members from USD’s Physical Therapy Program, who currently teach graduate level professional students in the state’s only physical therapy program. Information in this course offers a deeper dive into the profession than SDSU’s PHTH 142 offering.</p>
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Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

- No.** Schedule Management, explain below:
This course will be taught alternating semesters, and current faculty will teach in-load or guest speakers will be recruited. No new hiring required.

3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered (i.e., any current or pending majors, minors, certificates, etc.): Physical Therapy; Health Sciences

3.3. Proposed instructional method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 5.4](#)):
If requesting an instructional method that is exempt from the [Section Size Guidelines](#), please provide a brief description of how the course is appropriate for the instructional method, as defined in AAC Guidelines. Lecture (R)

3.4. Proposed delivery method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 5.5](#)): U01 -- Face to Face; U15 and U18 – Internet; U30-Blended/Hybrid

3.5. Term change will be effective: Fall 2022

3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?

- Yes, total credit limit: _____ No

3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?

- Yes No

3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?

- Yes, max per section: 32 No

3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database?

- Yes No

3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?

- Yes No

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

4.1. University Department Code: UPPTH

4.2. Banner Department Code: UPHT

4.3. Proposed CIP Code: 51.2308

Is this a new CIP code for the university? Yes No