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## University of Southern California Opens Applications for a New Hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- The USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy (the Division) is now accepting applications for DPT@USC, a hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) designed for aspiring physical therapists. In this three-year, fulltime program, students will take courses online and on USC's campus and get hands-on clinical experience in a rigorous hybrid program that mirrors that of the widely respected on-campus DPT program, which is celebrating its 73rd year and is currently ranked a No. 1 graduate school of physical therapy by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"We're proud to continue USC's pursuit of innovative approaches to teaching and learning as we welcome applicants from across the country to earn their doctorate from our top-ranked physical therapy program," said Dr. James Gordon, associate dean and chair of the Division. "We strive to accomplish our mission — to enhance human health and quality of life — in an era of unprecedented opportunities and extraordinary challenges, especially in health care. To meet these challenges, we are committed to transforming how we prepare the next generation of physical therapists to deliver the highest level of care to society."

The newly established hybrid program, DPT@USC, is intended to begin the transformation of physical therapy education, acting as a model for other programs throughout the nation. DPT@USC is designed to match the caliber of its on-campus equivalent, enabling USC to influence a rapidly changing health care landscape by educating future physical therapy leaders across the country.

The hybrid program offers a unique experience for students across the nation as they take classes online and on campus, in addition to rich, hands-on clinical experiences. The online platform, powered by 2U, Inc., includes live, weekly classes taught by USC faculty and a highly engaging interactive online campus. In addition, the program includes approximately 60 days of immersion experiences on campus in Los Angeles and 50 weeks of clinical experiences in students' communities or at sites across the nation. Students enrolled in this program will complete 115 credit hours of courses specially designed to train physical therapists.

The next application deadline is February 26, 2018, and the first cohort of students will begin classes in June 2018. Visit [dpt.usc.edu/hybrid-dpt-program](http://dpt.usc.edu/hybrid-dpt-program) for more information and application requirements, or contact an admissions counselor at [admissions@dpt.usc.edu](mailto:admissions@dpt.usc.edu).

### About University of Southern California Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy

Since the program was founded in 1945, USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy has been a leader in physical therapy research and education and has been at the forefront of the most significant educational advances of the physical therapy profession. The program today has been #1 in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* since 2004, and it continues to be a center of excellence for clinical practice, education, and research in physical therapy. The Division is also one of the leading programs in the broader domain of biokinesiology, - the study of the biological bases of movement. USC's Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy is a division of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC.

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