In order to be eligible for Fellow status in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy, the Fellow must complete coursework as well as a 440 hour residency experience under the direction of a Fellow. The residency or mentorship experience must involve at least 130 hours of 1:1 direct mentorship; the remaining 310 hours must involve consistent feedback from the mentor. An example of meeting the 130 hours of direct 1:1 could involve approximately 5 hours/week for 28 weeks with direct 1:1 mentorship provided by an AAOMPT Fellow. This may be completed in the fall, spring, or summer semesters.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Program will become Fellows of the AAOMPT and will receive certification in OMPT through the New York State Education Department. Completion of the program will also help prepare the graduate for the APTA Specialty Examination in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy.

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Overview of the Program:
The Daemen College Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship Program, in partnership with local health care systems and physical therapist owned private practices, provides postprofessional orthopaedic manual physical therapy (OMPT) education. The foundations of clinical science and research are integrated throughout the curriculum, with respect to maintenance of the highest ethical standards, while advancing the physical therapy profession in providing a high quality of care and practice that is evidence-based.

Background
In 1996, the American Physical Therapy Association’s (APTA) Board of Directors voted to implement a voluntary credentialing process for postprofessional clinical residency programs for physical therapists. A committee on Clinical Residency Program Credentialing was established in 1997 and was charged with the development and implementation of a credentialing process for postprofessional clinical residency programs. In 2000, the Board of Directors approved the extension of the purpose of the Committee on Clinical Residency Program Credentialing to include the credentialing of clinical fellowship programs. Based on these new responsibilities, the committee name was changed to Committee on Clinical Residency and Fellowship Program Credentialing.

Benefits of Becoming Credentialed
A credentialed program promotes standards of quality and consistency in the teaching and practice of physical therapy. Credentialed programs confirm to potential residents or fellows their commitment to providing a quality learning experience and affirm to the public at large the Program’s commitment to the protection of the consumer of physical therapy.

Definition of Clinical Fellowship
Clinical Fellowship Program
A postprofessional planned learning experience in a focused area of clinical practice (not infrequently post-doctoral or for post-residency prepared, or board certified physical therapists). A clinical fellowship combines opportunities for ongoing clinical supervision and mentoring with a theoretical basis for advanced practice and scientific inquiry in a defined area of subspecialization beyond the generally-accepted Description of Specialty Practice.

Courses
Courses in orthopaedic manual physical therapy will be offered in an evening/weekend format to allow the practicing physical therapist to continue full-time employment while matriculating in the program. Four of the Fellowship courses are included in the existing Daemen College transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program (tDPT). The tDPT courses include:

- PT 704 Musculoskeletal Examination and Treatment (5 cr)
- PT 703 Differential Diagnosis I (3 cr)
- PT 705 Evidence Based Practice (2 cr)
- PT 707 Pharmacology (3 cr)

Additional courses are specific to OMPT and include the following:

- PT 720 Spinal Manipulation (3 cr) (Requires PT 704)
- PT 721 Neuromuscular Mobilization (2 cr)
- PT 722 Spinal Exercise Strategies (2 cr)
- PT 723 Integrated Management of SIJ Dysfunction (2 cr)
- PT 724 OMPT Residency (Mentorship) (3 cr)
- PT 725 Problem Solving in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy (2 cr)
- PT 726 Research Project (2 cr)
- PT 727 Review course for Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) (1 cr)

Total program credits = 30

It is expected that students will complete the program in 2 years.

Upcoming Courses:
- PT 722 Spinal Exercise Strategies
  Nov. 7-8, 2008
- PT 704 Musculoskeletal Examination and Treatment
  January, 2009