

## DPT Program Technical Standards and Essential Functions

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### I. Introduction

The following list included is illustrative and does not represent listing of the functions of a physical therapist.

The intent of the professional program at SB is to educate competent generalist physical therapists who can provide examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention. Treatment of the general population primarily occur in sub -acute and rehabilitation facilities or in the current health care system. Enrolled students are required to complete the academic components of the professional program, as defined in the SB Catalog program handbook and the various course syllabi.

Observation involves the functional use of vision, hearing, smell and somatic sensations.

**Standard:** A student must be able to observe lectures, laboratory dissection of cadavers, lecture and laboratory demonstrations, and observe microscopic studies of tissues.

**Essential Functions:** The student must be able to observe a patient accurately, observe digital and waveform readings and other graphic images to determine a patient's condition. Examples in which these observational skills are required include, but are not limited to: palpation of peripheral pulses, bony

