

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Kenneth J. Gerhardt, Professor and  
Associate Dean of the Graduate School

FROM: Stephanie L. Hanson, Executive Associate Dean

DATE: December 21, 2007

SUBJECT: Sunsetting Master of Health Science in Physical Therapy

As you aware, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education endorsed the Doctor of Physical Therapy as the entry level degree for physical therapists. Subsequent to that time, the University of Florida Physical Therapy program in the College of Public Health and Health Professions was approved to begin offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, and the Master of Physical Therapy program was sunset. At this time, we are requesting to sunset the Master of Health Science in Physical Therapy. This particular degree has not been active, and students who are interested in research in physical therapy have the option of completing the Rehabilitation Science Doctoral program, which prepares students at the level that is now necessary for an academic career.

We are therefore formally requesting approval from the Graduate Council to sunset the MHS in Physical Therapy. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

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