UW-Madison Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree

Authorization to Implement a New Program Proposal
Background

- UW-Madison PT education began in 1926
- One of the first three PT curricula to receive accreditation in the U.S.
- DPT will replace the MPT degree program
- Expanding curriculum to meet the advancing professional standards for preparation of physical therapists
How Has PT Changed?

- Expanded scope of practice
- Direct Access
- More autonomous practice
- First point of contact in many rural areas
Need

- 35% nationwide growth in need of PTs by 2010 (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- PT is one of the fastest growing occupations in WI; 46% projected growth in need from 2002-2012 (WI Dept. of Workforce Development)
- MPT has had 100% graduate employment rate and there are unfilled PT positions across the state
- 98% of PT Programs in U.S. offer DPT degrees now or are in the process of converting
DPT Curriculum

► Additional credits in lab courses
► Differential diagnosis and clinical decision-making
► Clinical medicine: pathology, radiology, pharmacology
► Themed seminars
► More research training
► Longer clinical internships
► Clinical externships
► Service learning
► Health promotion and wellness
On-campus Collaboration

- Collaboration on curriculum and practicum experiences with:
  - Kinesiology
  - Occupational Therapy Program
  - MPH Program
  - PA Program
  - School of Engineering

- Interdisciplinary outreach activities
Collaboration Possibilities with Other UW System DPT Programs

- Admissions
- Teaching & Visiting Lectureships
- Clinical education
- Research & Faculty retreats
- Certificate programs
- PT Orthopedic Residency satellite clinics
- Transitional DPT Program
- CE courses
Diversity

The PT Program seeks to attract and serve faculty and students from diverse backgrounds

- Pipeline programs
- Scholarship funds
- Collaboration with Howard University
Diversity

Themes of respect and diversity embedded in curriculum and structure of program

- Faculty workshops and collaboration with the SMPH Center for Study of Cultural Diversity in Health Care and Center for Global Health
- Standardized patients for teaching and assessment with racial and ethnic diversity
- Intentional placement of students in clinical settings where they will work with diverse patients and clinicians
Questions?