## Implementation of Hyflex Professional Physical Therapy Education within the COVID-19 Blindspot

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#### Issue

 Ignited rapid change in higher education (ed) delivery

COVID-19 Pandemic

#### PT Education

- Challenges
  - Pivoting to remote pedagogy for didactic coursework
  - Interruption of clinical ed.

- Program strategic plan alignment
- Trust of university leadership for flexible curricular delivery (faculty and staff)

Shared Governance

#### Methods

- Implementing HyFlex curricular models for professional courses
  - Inclusive of didactic and clinical experiences
    - Faculty autonomy
    - Pedagogical creativity and innovation
- Professional years 1-3
- N= 240 DPT students

#### **Curricular Solution**

#### **Existing Schedule**

- Beginning of clinical placement at end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year didactic coursework
- Full class placement placed into the clinic during the same time period.
- Progress to final didactic semester following completion of two 10-week clinical placements.
- Final semester coursework inperson.

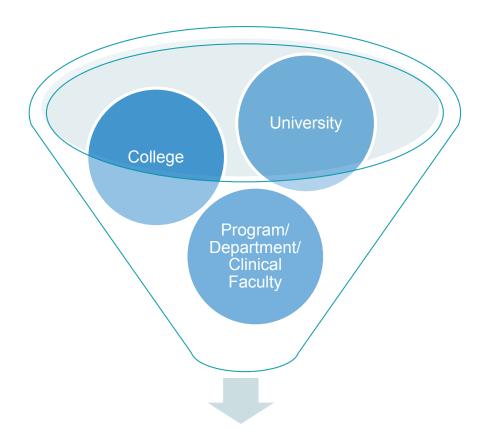
Outcome – Anticipated progression to May 2021 graduation.

#### Adapted Schedule

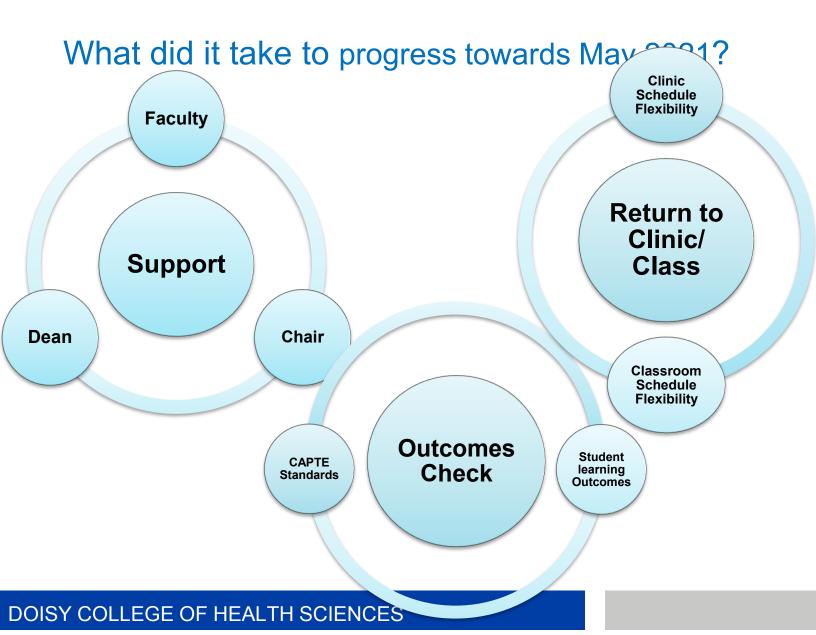
- Delayed clinical placement to July
- Completed 2 accelerated single courses at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year didactic coursework
- Students entered into a 24-week hyflex clinical/didactic coursework
- Final semester coursework online delivery.

Outcome – Anticipated progression to May 2021 graduation.

#### Partners in Success



**Student Success** 



# Innovative faculty curricular design Technologically sophisticated educational model Sustainable blended traditional and contemporary psychomotor skill development and delivery

#### **Epilogue**

- Now we know what we didn't know
  - How does that continue to inform curriculum as we move forward?
  - Application of the iterative stakeholder process.
- Now that we know how to do this, we can keep reapplying this – we have greater awareness about what we need to think about.
  - Applying to Spring 2021 to maintain progression for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cohorts.
  - Improved our nimbleness.

### THANK YOU!

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