

SUBJECT	PHYSICAL THERAPY (PHTH) 580 LAB FEE
MEETING DATE	FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Forwarded to the Board of Governors on the Recommendation of the President

**APPROVED FOR
SUBMISSION**



Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

DECISION REQUESTED	IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that <i>the UBC Board of Governors reassign a prior approved lab fee of \$2,965, effective September 1, 2018, from the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy Program to the specific course, Physical Therapy (PHTH) 580.</i>
Report Date	January 12, 2018
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Physical Therapy (PHTH) 580 is a lab-based course comprising practical hands-on instruction and examination. In the lab component of this course, students are given individualized instruction in spinal and peripheral joint manipulation and mobilization by specialized advanced-practice physiotherapists.

On February 14, 2017, the Board of Governors approved the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program, which includes the new course PHTH 580, as well as a program lab fee of \$2,907. On December 5, 2017, the Board approved a 2% increase to the lab fee.

It has subsequently been identified that the lab fee should have been associated with the specific course PHTH 580 and not the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program. The new service of using the lab in PHTH 580 to enhance student learning is not exclusive to the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy. PHTH 580 is offered as a new optional course for students in the Master of Rehabilitation Science program.

It is recommended that the Board reassign the approved fee to PHTH580, which would be made effective September 1, 2018, and eliminate the fee for the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program.

Students granted Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) standing will be exempt from the lab fee because they will not use the lab resources associated with the course.

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED

- Learning
- Research
- Innovation
- Engagement
- International

(Internal / External)

or Operational

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE Physical Therapy (PHTH) 580 is a lab-based course comprising practical hands-on instruction and examination. The course emphasizes the development of knowledge, clinical reasoning and clinical skills related to the practice of advanced orthopaedic manual and manipulative physiotherapy. The effective use of evidence in practice as well as case-based learning is included to provide a framework for appropriate assessment and treatment planning and implementation. In-class clinical skills will be taught and evaluated in accordance with the Standards Document set by the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists (IFOMPT). Students will engage in structured clinical mentorship hours, in accordance with the requirements of the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapists (IFOMPT), under the direct supervision of a registered member of the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy. In the lab component of this course, students are given individualized instruction in spinal and peripheral joint manipulation and mobilization by specialized advanced-practice physiotherapists.

On February 14, 2017, the Board approved the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy, which included the new course PHTH 580, as well as a program lab fee. Since then, it has been clarified by the Faculty of Medicine that the lab fee should have been associated with the specific course, PHTH 580 and not the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program. The new service of using the lab in PHTH 580 to enhance student learning is not offered exclusively to students of the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy. PHTH 580 is also offered as a new optional course in the Master of Rehabilitation Science program.

BENEFITS The benefit of having students complete this lab-based course is that it allows the curriculum to conform to guidelines of the International Federation of Orthopaedic and Manipulative Therapists, as well the Canadian Academy of Manual Therapists – the guidelines emphasize the importance of practical hands-on instruction to learn joint manipulation and mobilization skills to an appropriate standard of care. There is a small risk associated with any hands-on physiotherapy procedure – in this case, the risks are mitigated by requiring all instructors and students to be registered (licensed) physical therapists, and to carry standard levels of professional liability insurance as dictated by the College of Physical Therapists of BC.

Learning, Research,
Financial,
Sustainability &
Reputational

FINANCIAL If approved, the 2018-2019 lab fee for PHTH 580 will be \$2,965 per student, or \$423.57/week for the seven weeks of practical hands-on instruction. The reason for this (substantial) lab fee arises from the need to maintain a high instructor to student ratio (no less than 1:10), as well as the cost of having additional FCAMPT-registered members to invigilate practical exams at a 1:4 ratio.

Funding Sources,
Impact on Liquidity

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SCHEDULE Effective September 1, 2018.
Implementation
Timeline

CONSULTATION Student consultation related to the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program and the 2017/18 lab fee of \$2,907 took place with the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and Graduate Student Society (GSS) between October 28 and December 9, 2016. Consultation related to the increase of 2%, for 2018/19 occurred between October 10 and November 7, 2017.

Relevant Units, Internal & External Constituencies

Because PHTH 580 is not a mandatory course for students not enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program, no further consultation was performed for the purposes of the recommended reassignment of the fee.

Previous Report Date February 14, 2017

Decision A program lab fee of \$2,907 was approved as part of the approval for the new Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program, which includes the new course PHTH 580.

Action / Follow Up N/A

Previous Report Date December 5, 2017

Decision A 2% increase was approved for the Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy program lab fee, increasing the fee from \$2,907 in 2017/18 to \$2,965 in 2018/19.

Action / Follow Up N/A