Faculty Showcase '05: Partners in Learning

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Goals

- Provide a program of continuing professional education which may be completed fully online, fully on site, or through a combination of online and on site courses.
- Provide the practicing clinician with the opportunity for professional growth through increased knowledge in the areas of Health Promotion and Wellness, Scientific Inquiry, and Practice Management.

DPT Bridge Program

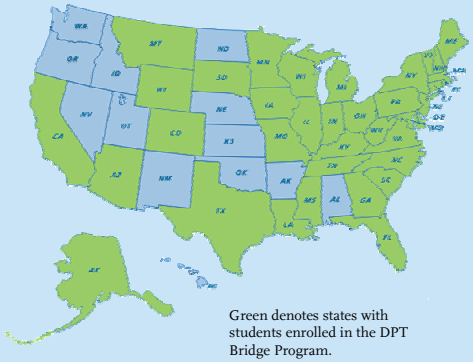
Unique Program Design

- All required courses are offered fully online as well as on site at Simmons.
- A variety of elective courses are available to students; some are offered fully online, others offered on site at Simmons.
- Students have choices about their program of study. They may choose courses offered fully online, fully on site, or select any combination of online and on site courses that suits their learning style and schedule.
- Students can select from a variety of courses within the three focal areas of the program: Health Promotion and Wellness, Scientific Inquiry, and Practice Management.
- Courses in the DPT Bridge program are taught by faculty who are Physical Therapists, Nurses, Nutritionists and Administrators, providing a multidisciplinary approach to continuing professional education.

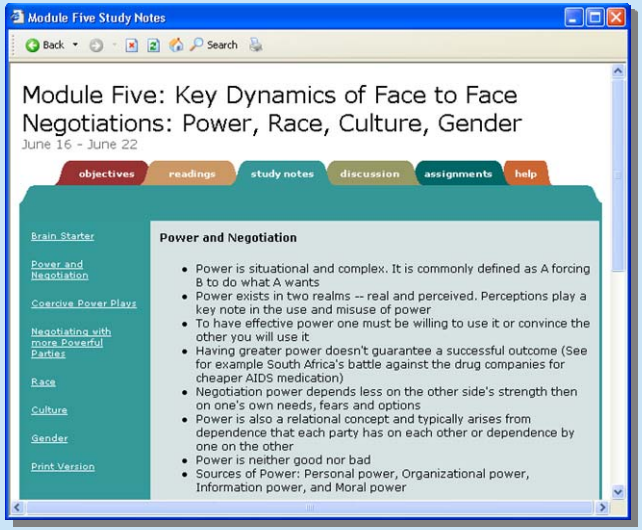
"The DPT Bridge program is a wonderful asset to Simmons. The small class size, sense of community, availability of staff and support of all makes this program second to none."
- Danielle Steward, DPT 2004.

Students

- All students must hold a current license to practice physical therapy and include active professionals as well as faculty members in physical therapist education programs from across the country.
- Although the majority of our students are completing the program fully online from a distance, many have taken advantage of the option to take some or all of their courses on site.
- Students report that they value the flexibility, accessibility, applicability and affordability of the DPT Bridge program.
- By May, 2005, more than 120 students will have graduated from the Bridge DPT program.



Green denotes states with students enrolled in the DPT Bridge Program.

Instructors

- The faculty in the program include both working professionals and core faculty members teaching in their area of scholarly expertise.
- The faculty, like the students, are located across the United States, bringing a geographical diversity to the program.
- All faculty who teach online have had individual instruction about teaching online, and training in the use of WebCT.