

Date of Board Meeting: November 28, 2023**Subject:** Add Course Fee of \$99 to PTHA 2339 Professional Issues**Recommendation:** Approve Addition of \$99 Course Fee to PTHA 2339, effective fall 2024**Background and Rationale:**

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTHA) Program seeks to improve students' pass rates on the licensure examination, National Physical Therapist Exam (NPTE). The PTHA program pass rate before COVID was 100%; post-COVID, the pass rate has declined to 83%.

One method to improve pass rates is to add a preparatory board exam into the curriculum. A preparatory exam, PEAT, will be added to PTHA 2339 Professional Issues, a course scheduled in the last semester of the program. The \$99 course fee covers the cost of the preparatory exam. The NPTE reports a licensure exam success rate of 96.6% for candidates who pass the PEAT. This preparatory exam provides students with immediate scoring and feedback, shows content areas needing more review, reports exam time per content area to encourage time management, explains why answers are wrong and guides students on how to remediate, and offers references for additional learning support.

Cost and Budgetary Support: \$99 course exam fee per 16 students = \$1584; course fee offsets exam cost**Strategic Priority Alignment:**
 Student Success Community Impact
 Resource Optimization Institutional Excellence**Resource Person(s):** Kelly Wallace, Program Director of PTHA; Carol Derkowski, Division Chair of Allied Health**Signatures:**

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President's Approval:



President

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