Students who have met all course requirements and been recommended for graduation may be awarded the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree provided they meet all of the conditions listed below:

A. Have satisfactorily completed all academic requirements of the program.
B. Have completed six academic years of credit at an accredited college or university, of which, at least the last three were at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.
C. Have complied with all legal and financial requirements of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.
D. Have exhibited the ethical, professional, behavioral, and personal characteristics necessary for practice as a DPT.
E. Have completed and returned to the DPT Program or the Office of the Registrar, all graduation forms and paperwork required by the Program and the institution.
F. Have met other time limits listed below:

1. In the event the student withdraws and later re-enters the program, or if a student is granted an extension beyond 36 months, that student must meet the requirements listed for the class with whom he or she graduates.

2. A student who has been dismissed due to poor academic progress, and later is readmitted to the program, has not more than thirty-six (36) months from date of re-entry to successfully pass any academic course, which was failed, and any subsequent incomplete courses.

3. A student dismissed due to a failing grade in a clinical rotation, who later is readmitted to the program, has not more than twelve (12) months from their date of re-entry to successfully complete the rotation that was failed and any subsequent incomplete rotations.

4. The maximum time limit for completing all graduation requirements is seventy-two (72) months.

Rarely, students may be required to meet additional requirements in order to meet other health science center, state or national regulations.
**Application.**

All students enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum.

**Definitions.**

None.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

1. Graduation requirements are listed in the catalog at the time of the student's entry into the program.
   
   **Responsible Party:** School of Health Professions.

2. Students who have not fulfilled all graduation requirements by the day of graduation must request permission to participate in commencement ceremonies from the Dean of the School of Health Professions.
   
   **Responsible Party:** Students.

3. Only in unusual circumstances and with approval of the Dean of the School of Health Professions will a degree be awarded in absentia.
   
   **Responsible Party:** Dean of School of Health Professions.

**References and Cross-references.**

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