

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Department of Physical Therapy Mission Statement

*The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT) at Long Island University (LIU) advances quality of life within a diverse society by educating students to function as knowledgeable, competent, reflective, and inclusive practitioners. The program promotes lifelong learning, clinical reasoning, patient-centered care, evidence-based practice, awareness of social determinants of health, and knowledge translation within a student-centered environment.*

### Community Engagement Statement

*Our program promotes a commitment to service learning through community engagement. The DPT students are encouraged and expected to participate in community engagement/professional development activities during their time in the DPT program. These two important statements are captured in the following strategic goal:*

- Contribute to the growth and development of the field of physical therapy by encouraging inclusivity, community engagement, and life-long learning

*The following represent some options for community engagement:*

- Required community engagement assignment in PT 775 – Clinical Seminar I
- Required community engagement in PT 879 – Health Promotion and Wellness
- Long Island University, Fitness for Parkinson’s Disease
- Participation in the NYC marathon as medical volunteers
- Participation in service learning trips and community health fairs
- Participation in fall prevention programs for geriatric clients
- Participation in the “FunFitness” events with the NYC chapter of the Special Olympics
- Participation in APTA New York activities

### Resources

[https://www.nyrr.org/getinvolved/volunteer/guidelines\\_programs/medical-volunteers](https://www.nyrr.org/getinvolved/volunteer/guidelines_programs/medical-volunteers)

<https://aptany.org/default.aspx>

<https://www.specialolympics.org/>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/index.page>

<https://www.liu.edu/brooklyn/academics/school-of-health-professions/Facilities-Centers-Institutes/Fitness-for-PD>