

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Rename Physical Therapy Doctoral Degree Program  
**Date:** July 7, 2000

**Recommended Action:**

Refer the University of Iowa's request to rename the doctoral degree program from the Doctorate in Physical Therapy to the Doctorate in Physical Rehabilitation Science to the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office for review and recommendation.

**Executive Summary:**

The University of Iowa requests approval to rename the Doctorate in Physical Therapy to the Doctorate in Physical Rehabilitation Science. The Ph.D. in Physical Therapy is often confused with the professional Clinical doctorate, the Doctor of Physical Therapy, now offered by a number of institutions. The new name more appropriately reflects the breadth of activities offered by the programs. Many other institutions and programs have changed the names of their academic degrees in light of these changes in the field of physical therapy. This is solely a change in name of the major of this existing degree and does not affect degree requirements, course offerings and other components.

There are no major costs or programmatic changes involved in this name change.

  
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Approved:   
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