



AU Department of Physical Therapy Artificial Intelligence Policy

This policy covers any artificial intelligence (AI) tools that are used to generate text, art and graphics, video, audio, and presentations. AI programs are often used as tools to help generate ideas and to brainstorm. However, you should be aware of the inherent limitations of these tools and use them cautiously. Material generated by AI may be inaccurate and incomplete. If you provide minimal effort in developing generative prompts, you will get low-quality results. These models are built upon reproducing sources rather than challenging potential errors. They lack critical thinking to evaluate and judge the information. Using AI to generate ideas may also impede the development of your own clinical reasoning and critical thinking. The use of generative AI in the learning environment may be allowed on some assignments in the Department of Physical Therapy at the discretion of the course faculty.

If you are permitted to use AI, it must be done in accordance with the following:

- You may freely use spelling and grammar check tools like Grammarly and MS Word.
- You may not use AI to generate any draft of an assignment.
- You must be transparent in how you used the AI-based tool, including the work that is your original contribution. Follow the assignment instructions to comply.
- You must clearly identify and cite the use of AI-based tools in your work according to the style requested by the instructor. Verbatim copying of AI-generated language requires quotation marks and a citation. Paraphrasing output requires a citation. For example, an in-text reference may include (name of AI tool and version, type of communication, Month DD, YYYY). Reference lists typically require acknowledgment of the AI tool and version, AI prompt, date, response, and URL. Not properly citing the information constitutes plagiarism.
- Inappropriately using AI-based tools to complete any assignments in which their use is not allowed. Doing so is in violation of departmental, college, and university academic integrity policies.